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MAHATMA TO MEET AGA KHAN AT POONA

Fresh Attempt To Solve Hindu-Muslim Problem

GANDHIJI SPEAKS ON FOOD CRISIS AT PRAYER MEETING

Bombay And Calcutta Disturbances Condemned

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
POONA, FEB. 18 (BY PHONE)

A MEETING WITH H. H. THE AGA KHAN WITH A VIEW TO RESOLVING THE KNOTTY PROBLEM OF HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY AND FORMAL OPENING OF THE TWO MARBLE 'SAMADHIS' OF KASTURBA AND MAHADEV DESAI, ARE THE TWO IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS THAT GANDHIJI WILL GO THROUGH DURING HIS SHORT SOJOURN HERE.

Gandhiji and his entourage will arrive here to-morrow evening by the Deccan Queen. He will get down at Shivaji Nagar station and proceed straight to Dr. Mehta's Nature Cure Clinic.

MAHATMA IN CITY

BOMBAY Monday.

An earnest plea to the people of Bombay to practise the utmost economy in the use of foodgrains and cloth was made by Maha'ma Gandhi speaking after prayers at Rungta House this evening.

Gandhiji had arrived in the city some five hours earlier.

He detrained at a level crossing near Kurla at 1-25 p.m., and was received by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and a number of local Congress leaders including, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. S. L. Silam, Mr. Bhiwanji Arjun Khimji and Mr. Nathalal Parekh.

The Calcutta Mail by which he arrived was late by three hours and a half. A substantial part of the delay was due to the fact that large crowds of people were present at most stations all along the route to have "darshan" of Gandhiji. Past Igatpuri the train also developed engine trouble.

By 9-30 a.m. in the morning a small group of people was present at the Kurla crossing to greet Gandhiji on arrival. As the time passed, the little group grew into a vast crowd and the railway authorities as well as Congressmen present had anxious moments keeping the crowd off the railway lines.

Sardar Patel who arrived half an hour before the arrival of the train had to take shelter from the hot sun in the pointsman's cabin. When the train halted and a ladder was hitched on to the carriage in which Gandhiji was travelling, Sardar Patel climbed up the ladder and welcomed Gandhiji. Then he, Gandhiji and Dr. Sushila Nair got down the ladder.

As Gandhiji was coming down the ladder, the crowd swarmed around shouting slogans. Gandhiji stood for a while on the ladder and called for order. The party then succeeded in walking to a car on the road and drove away to Birla House.

Mr. Pyarelal, Mr. Kanu Gandhi, and other members of the entourage with their luggage, beds boxes, baskets—about a hundred and fifty piece in all—got down from the train at Dadar.

Both at the Matunga level crossing and Dadar Station crowds of people were present in anticipation of Gandhiji's arrival and as the train sped past the crossing and halted at the station, they raised the usual cry—"Mahatma Gandhi-ki-Jai."

AT BHULABHAI'S PLACE

On his way to Birla House Gandhiji went to the residence of Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, who has been ailing for the last few days and spent a quarter of an hour with him.

Among those who called on Gandhiji after his arrival were Sardar Patel, Mr. B. G. Kher, Mrs. and Mr. K. M. Munshi, Dr. Jivraj Mehta, and

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Boundary Commission For India

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, Feb. 18.

Announcement of a Boundary Commission and of the Secretary of State's visit to India are expected to be the principal features of British Government's announcement on Wednesday, February 20.

A demand for the re-establishment of provincial boundaries on a linguistic basis has been repeatedly made in India. Indo-Japanese war has shown the importance of a strong North-east Frontier. Then there is the demand for Pakistan. For these and other reasons, appointment of a Boundary Commission is regarded a possibility here.

A Central Executive drawn from political parties as referred to by Lord Wavell in his address to the Central Assembly last month is expected to be another feature of the announcement. Anticipations are that the British Government will accept the claim of the Muslim League to nominate five seats on the Central Executive. "Pari Passu", the announcement is expected to make clear that the country needed a new Executive composed of political parties and Government may have to go ahead if any party chooses to non-co-operate.

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Atomic Bomb Secrets Lost In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, (U. P. A.): More atomic bomb secrets have been lost in the U. S. in the last four weeks than during the entire war time development period, according to Maj.-General Leslie Groves, Chief of the Atomic Research Project in the U. S.

RAMAMURTHI TO RETURN TO MADRAS

MADRAS, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): According to a cable received by the Madras Government to-day Sir S. V. Ramamurthi, Adviser to H. E. the Governor, who is now in London on the Food Mission to America and Great Britain will be back in Madras on March 20.

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Mahatma Gandhi snapped just before getting down the train at Kurla level-crossing on Monday.

League Move To Smash Unionists For Good

WILL JINNAH BROOK COALITION WITH CONGRESS IN PUNJAB?

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, February 18: WILL MR. JINNAH ALLOW THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY PARTY TO FORM A COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH THE CONGRESS UNDER THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN THE PUNJAB?

JINNAH APPROACHED

Political circles are thick with the news that Mr. Jinnah has been approached by the Provincial League leaders including Sir Feroze Khan Noon and Mian Mumtaz Daultana, General Secretary of the Provincial League, with a request to give full powers to the Provincial League leaders to deal with the situation according to local circumstances. The Provincial League leaders have urged upon Mr. Jinnah that the only way to smash the Unionist Party for ever was to join hands with the Congress, even if the Leaguers had to accept the Congress election manifesto and drop the demand for Pakistan till the League Party became an absolute majority party in the Assembly.

Congress reaction to this move is is not exactly known but can be said to that the Unionist party is nervous and feels that the Congress President Maulana Azad had let them down by making an offer of All-Party Government in Sind and Assam, while they were anxious to form a coallition with with the Congress as against the League.

Congress leaders think prospects of Congress-Unionist Coalition are bright because it does not involve all-India commitments on the part of the Congress.

Sooner or later, the League is bound to raise the Pakistan issue and thus disrupt the coalition to damage Congress.

WOOING AKALIS

It is not improbable that to strengthen its position the League might woo the Akali Party, exploiting the present bitterness caused by the election between Congress and Akalis by offering them two seats in the Cabinet.

Dr. Gopichand Bhargava is reaching Bombay on Tuesday morning to post the Congress Central Parliamentary Board with the latest developments in the Punjab Parliamentary politics in matters which requires most careful handling by the Congress high command.

STOP PRESS

RUMOURS ABOUT SYEDS' LIKELY ARREST.

NEW DELHI Feb. 18, (A. P. I.): Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Leader of the Congress Party in the Central Assembly, in a statement to the Press, refers to rumours about plans for the arrest of Mr. G. M. Syey and one or two more members of the Opposition in the Sind Assembly. He appeals to Lord Wavell to see that the constitution is not violated by the adoption of "devious and underhand methods".

PUNJAB ELECTIONS LATEST POSITION

LAHORE, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): The following is the latest party position in Punjab Assembly elections at midnight tonight:—Congress: 19; Muslim League 17; Unionists 10; Panthic Akali Sikh 1; Independent Sikh 1; Anglo-Indian 1; European 1. Total 50.

BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 18. (Reuter): The Belgian Prime Minister M. Achille Van Acker, to-day tendered the resignation of his Cabinet, after election results so far had shown that the Christian-Socialist (Catholic) Party would be the strongest in the new Chamber. The Prince Regent has asked the Belgian Premier to continue to discharge current business.

It is expected that the next move of the Regent will be to invite M. Auguste De Schrijver, leader of the pro-Leopold Catholic Party—which is outside the present Government Coalition—to form a new Government.

The latest state of the parties showed: Christian Socialists (Catholics) 90 (a gain of 17); Socialists 68 (a gain of four); Communists 24 (a gain of 15); Liberals 18 (a loss of 15); Belgian Democratic Union 2 (a new party).

50 I.N.A. Men Released

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): Fifty members of the Azad Hind Fauj were released to-day from the Bahadurgarh Camp.

Asaf Ali's Report To Azad

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): The Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, may meet the Viceroy at Delhi in regard to the food situation, if there is sufficient improvement in his health in a few days to permit of his undertaking the journey.

Mr. Asaf Ali, who met the Viceroy in Delhi on behalf of the President in regard to the food crisis, is not now expected in Calcutta, as he has already reported what transpired between him and the Viceroy to Maulana Azad on the trunk telephone from Delhi. It is learnt that since then the Congress President has sent a communication to the Viceroy, seeking clarification of certain points.

Maulana Azad's health however does not show improvement.

JINNAH WANTS TO KNOW GOVT. PROGRAMME

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): Mr. Jinnah, it is learnt, has asked the Viceroy for details of the Government's programme to meet the food crisis. He hopes to meet Lord Wavell as soon as he can return to Delhi and further discuss the food position with His Excellency.

It is gathered from circles in close touch with Mr. Jinnah that the Muslim League leader considers that no political bargaining must be made of the food situation and that it must be above party considerations.

Mr. Jinnah will meet the Central Food Department also on his return to Delhi with a view to doing everything to solve the food problem.

MUDALIAR MEETS PETHICK-LAWRENCE.

LONDON, Feb. 18. (Reuter): Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Chairman of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and leader of the Indian food delegation met the Secretary of State for India Lorr Pethick-Lawrence to-day.

TWO TRAINS HELD UP AND BURNT

Mobs Make Passengers Get Down And Set Fire

DACCA, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.):

Two trains running between Dacca and Narayanganj on the Bengl Assam Railway were set on fire by mobs today after they had made the passengers get down.

The train service between the two stations was disorganised for three hours owing to disturbances at different points.

While 'Hartal' was being observed in Narayanganj town in protest against the recent firing incidents in Calcutta, mobs squatted on the railway line staging demonstrations. A passenger train which was coming to Dacca in the forenoon was stopped near Digubabur Bazar by pulling the alarm chain. The mob then forced passengers to get down and set fire to the train.

Another train was also set on fire at Chasara station after similar demonstrations by a mob at the station.

Armed police was then drafted to bring the situation under control. The normal train service was restored three hours later, with armed pickets posted in running trains and at different railway points.

It was later learnt that damages caused to the two trains at Digubabur Bazar and Chasara respectively were not serious.

The Calcutta Mail which runs between Dacca and Narayanganj stations left here 40 minutes late owing to disturbances.

MILL WORKERS ON STRIKE

NARAYANGANJ, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): Eight thousand textile workers of two local cotton mills are on strike demanding higher rates of wages and other facilities of service.

Workers of one of the mills, the Luxminarayan Cotton Mills, downed tools yesterday, and workers in the other mill, the Dhakeswari Cotton Mills, struck work today.

ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP TRAMS FOILED

KARACHI, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): Muslims in the city are observing 'hartal' in connection with the Rashid Day today. Many of the Muslim students have abstained from their classes.

A crowd attempted to hold up the tram service near Lea Market this morning when the police arrived and dispersed the crowd. Police pickets have been posted at various points to regulate and protect the tram traffic. A procession and a meeting have been arranged in the evening.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)
NEW YORK, Feb 18.

Previous Closing	26.41
To-day's Opening	26.45
Difference	+.04
To-day's Closing	26.99
Difference	—12

Railway Budget At A Glance

(IN CRORES OF RUPEES)

	Budget 1946-47	Revised 1945-46	Budget 1945-46	Actuals 1944-45
Traffic Receipts ...	177	225	220	216.38
Working Expense:	125.73	169.30	159.87	142.28

Some Figures

Here are some figures given by the War Transport Member in the Railway Budget on Monday.

Indian Railways which entered the war with some 7279 broad and metre guage engines and 193,805 broad and metre gauge wagons should in due course have 8,541 engines and 239,000 wagons.

Rs. 22 crores have been provided for rehabilitation and development programme for next year.

Rs. 3.48 crores are included in the next year's budget for investment in Road-Rail Companies.

Rs. 32 crores will be transferred to General Revenues from the surplus for 1945/46.

Class One railways carried an average of 85 million passengers every month during 1945/46. This is apart from military personnel moved in specials.

The War Transport Member promised sleeping accommodation for Inter and Third Class passengers, as also greater privacy, more room and greater seating comfort for them.

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KILLEARN SHIFTED TO S.E.A.C.

New British Ambassdor For Cairo

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter): Lord Killearn, former British Ambassador in Cairo, whose appointment as Special Commissioner in South-East Asia was announced today will leave for Singapore within a week or ten days with special authority from the Cabinet to deal with the food situation.

Among those he will consult as soon as possible are Admiral Mountbatten, Supreme Commander, S.E.A.C.; Lord Wavell, Viceroy of India and the Government of Burma.

Lord Killearn who saw Mr. Ernest Bevin today will be responsible to the Foreign Secretary and have his headquarters at Singapore.

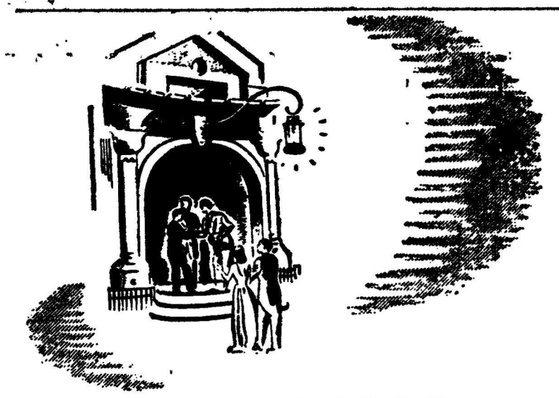
Sir Ronald Ian Campbell, at present Deputy to the Secretary of State for the Council of Foreign Ministers, has been appointed British Ambassador at Cairo in succession to Lord Killearn.

CANADIAN PRODUCTION FOR RUSSIA CANCELLED

OTTAWA, Feb. 18, (U. P. A.): Production of Canadian supplies for Russia has been cancelled by an order of the Canadian Government, it was disclosed here to-day as investigation on leakages of secret information approached a climax.

Meanwhile, it is said that the cancellation was due to a failure of Canada and Russia to reach an agreement over credit terms, but all people in Ottawa are wondering whether the discovery of spying is involved in the matter.

Twelve people have been detained in Ottawa in connection with the investigations. They are said to be "more than witnesses" and are suspected in varying degrees of having hatched an espionage plot resulting in the leakage of top secrets to Russia.



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JINNAH IS ENIGMA TO IRISH PEOPLE

Admiration For Leadership Of Gandhiji, Nehru And Azad

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Feb . 16.—Mr. K. C. Reddy, Representative of the Mysore Assembly and spokesman of the Indian States people arrived back in London after a fortnight's visit to Eire. There he had interviews with Mr. De Valera, several Ministers, Deputies and Industrialists. Mr. Reddy had long conversation with Mr. De Valera who showed very deep interest in obtaining first hand information on political and economic situation in India. Mr. De Valera expressed very great sorrow at the plight of the Indian people who are in dire need of food. When Mr. Reddy told Mr. De Valera that he was much impressed with the way the Irish Deputies conducted their affairs in the Dail, Mr. De Valera expressed the hope that the Indian people will have an independent Parliament of their own at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Reddy told me that his talks with the Irish industrialists was the most useful. They were eager to do trade with India. They were 'nterested in importing to India goods like silk, cotton and carpets. They are also eager to supply India with things like seed and potatoes which is Ireland's speciality and which is in great demand in certain parts of India.

IRISH MEN ADMIRE CONGRESS

At the second interview, giving his impressions and attitude of the Irishmen towards Indian people, Reddy said they admired Congress leadership. They are confident that India would achieve independence under the leadership of Gandhiji, Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Azad. They have tremendous reverence and respect for Subhas Bose who, they feel, rendered great services to India. When they think of Subhas Bose they also remember with deep reverence the late Vithalbhai Patel who, they say, really "introduced" Subhas to Irish people. Mr. Jinnah is an enigma to Irish people. They cannot understand why he allowed himself to be used by the British who are using Ulster the same way as using Pakistan stunt in order to keep Irish and Indian people perpetually disunited. They are, however, very confident that Ulster will in the end be united in one Ireland. They are determined in their purpose in achieving this and they feel that the impact of world events will make it inevitable. They hope there won't be any mutilation in Indian nation. They openly confess, sometime even take pride that partition in Ireland has caused a tremendous ill-feeling towards Britain. They want to have nothing to do with Britain. They want to be absolutely independent nation.

CONDEMNED FOR JOINING BR. ARMY

At several Irish gatherings which Reddy addressed, he was repeatedly assured by Irishmen and women that the Irish people detest the conduct of young Irishmen who join British army and serve in India, where they come in conflict with those fighting for their national Independence. They also resent Irishmen fighting on behalf of Britain against Indonesian Nationalists. Therefore, there is a strong agitation in Eire to discourage young Irishmen joining British army.

IRISH NEUTRALITY

Discussing the food situation in Eire, Reddy said that Eire had sagacious leadership during the war. They kept out of it and today Irish people are the happiest and most content people on the face of the earth. Irish people are indeed grateful to their leaders who refused to walk into the British parlour. Today their price of neutrality may be their exclusion from United Nations Organisation but they care too hoots for this organisation. Recent activities in U.N.O. have made them cynical about its future. On the other hand, they assert that their neutrality brought them peace, prosperity and plenty. They believe that if they had participated in the war, they might have faced food crisis as does Northern Ireland and other countries who joined the war. But realising food shortage all over the world, they are preparing themselves for superhumanitarian ground to tighten their belts voluntarily in order to feed the hungry peoples of Europe.

KOLAR GOLDFIELD'S STRIKE

Reddy was very much distressed at the continuation of Kolar Goldfield's Strike which is going on for the past forty days. He said, "It is a pity that in despite of the fact that one of the partners of managing agents, Mr. Sydney Taylor is at present in Mysore, strike has not yet been brought to an end. I must pay my tribute to the strikers and their leaders for the exemplary way in which they have conducted themselves. I appeal to the Government and to the Management to lose no time in giving fair deal to the workers. I say to them that what is most important is that they must save industry from dislocation and possible ruin." Reddy was very much worried concerning the food situation in Mysore. He said, "We would not have seen this plight if the Government had taken measures to improve our agriculture. It is a shame that Mysore with her rich resources should have to depend upon imports of food. I hope, Government and people will spare no efforts to tide over the crisis with as little distress as possible. In view of the seriousness of situation, I am abandoning other engagements, including visit to U.S.S.R. and will go to India as soon as possible. But before I leave, I hope to confer with the Dewan of Mysore, Sir Ben Smith and Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar."

U. S. Steel Strike Ends

NEW YORK, Feb. 18, (Reuter): Steel production was resumed in the United States today four weeks to a day since the start of the great strike by 750,000 Congress of Industrial Organisations United Steelworkers for higher pay. An employers, spokesman declared that return to work would be gradual and predicted it would be "a long time—three or four weeks," before any steel is made.:

London Swaraj House On Calcutta Firings

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter): Police firings in Calcutta were criticised at a meeting of Indians organised by Swaraj House in London last night.

Professor V. B. Mamath, one of the speakers, said that the British Government was adopting in India "the same brutal methods as the Nazis applied in Germany."

Doctor N. Gangulee, said: "I do not like an Indian to shiver like a goat in the presence of the British lion. Asia is on the march. India must not fall behind."

The meeting was largely attended by Indian students recently arrived from India.

The Bombay Agricultural Debtors Relief (Amendment) Act, 1946, having received the assent of the Governor-General, is published in the 'Bombay Government Gazette' dated February 14.

"MOST OPPRESSED COMMUNITY IN INDIA"

Mr. Hooseinbhoy A. Lalji On Plight Of Shias

In the course of a statement to the Press, by Hooseinbhoy A. Laljee. President, All-Parties Shia Conference, says:—

Many will hesitate to believe when I say that the important Shia Muslim Community of thirty million Indians is the most oppressed community in India at present; and I say this with all the emphasis at my command because while the Scheduled Classes and the Working classes have some opportunities through their representatives, although it may be said to be an inadequate representation, to place before the world their position and to express through their voice their feelings therein, it is only the Shia Muslim Community which has not even such on opportunity, since they are so entirely merged and really speaking submerged and subdued because of the separate electorate for Muslims wherein is prevalent a class of Muslims who are in a majority and who are becoming more and more hostile to them as regards their religious beliefs, and economic and social position.

To-day we find from the papers that at Lucknow there is announced on the one hand an election for a Muslim seat from that city through Muslim separate electorate wherein Chowdhuri Khaliq-uzaman a Suni and Syed Ali Zaheer a Shia are the candidates, and on the other hand the District Magistrate has issued an order prohibiting the assembly of more than five persons in order to avoid clash between the two sects on Barawafat day, still no less than 206 Sunis have defied the order for the purpose of reciting Madhe Sahaba which has been the cause of riots so often; but what is more important to note is that at this very time Mr. Jinnah passes by this route to Calcutta, and he care not or dares not to stop at Lucknow and attempt to create a brotherly, nay, even a friendly atmosphere, let alone trying to make the Muslim League a real Body of both Shias and Sunnis with equal representation of both.

Now it is well known that in all the constituencies throughout India there is prevalent Sunni League majority as also in Lucknow. Can, therefore, anyone make bold to say that a Shia candidate when such hostile feelings and atmosphere prevail will ever hope to get any Sunni votes and will it ever be possible for Shias to get elected.

This is the true plight of Shia Muslims who are about thirty millions, that is to say, one third of the total Muslim population of India.

Still the Viceroy is speaking of the Muslims as one and of the League as the Body of all Muslims.

A CHALLENGE TO VICEROY.

I throw out a challenge to the Viceroy to arrange for separate plebiscites for Shia Muslims and Suni Muslims, so as to find out whether Shia Muslims would ever like to be in the fold of the Sunnis far less under their majority rule, and similarly whether Sunnis would like to be so under the Shias. Further, I would also tell the Viceroy that to be neglectful of or to attempt at subduing and coercing thirty millions of Shias with a view to submerging them in a hostile majority for whatever objective, is to play a dangerous game.

BRITISHERS CAN'T DIVIDE HINDUS AND MUSLIMS

C. P. Leaguer Condemns Govt. Tactics Of Discrimination

NAGPUR, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): Resolution demanding release of Captain Abdur Rashid of I.N.A. and sympathising with the relatives of all those who died in Calcutta disturbances last week was adopted at a public meeting of Muslims held under the auspices of the Nagpur District Muslim League last night.

Mr. Abdus Salam Faruqui, President of the District Muslim League, desired to make it clear that the British Government in India were alienating goodwill of people of this country by following a policy of discrimination between Hindus and Muslims as shown in I.N.A. trials at Delhi.

Continuing he said: "Both Hindus and Muslims are unanimous in demanding freedom for India and the British will fail in fresh attempt to divide the two communities."

He vehemently protested against the sentence imposed on Capt. Abdur Rashid and endorsed the demand made by Mr. M. A. Jinnah, their leader in the Central Assembly for Rashid's release and withdrawal of all I.N.A. cases.

TURKO-IRAQ TREATY

ANKARA, Feb. 17 (U.P.I.): A preliminary agreement for a treaty of mutual assistance has been signed between Turkey and Iraq, last week at the Turkish capital, it is learnt from reliable quarters.

The Turkey-Iraq agreement is stated to have been prompted by threefold mutual interests, namely, the 300-mile-long border with Russia following the Soviet annexation of Azerbaijan, the failure of the Saadabad Pact and the common Kurdish problem.

Leakage Of Atomic Secrets May Reach U. N. O. Assembly

Spy Ring Inquiry Will Show Growth Of Virtual Fifth Column

OTTAWA, Feb. 18 (Reuter): Curtain of official secrecy has come down to screen developments in Canada's sensational spy ring inquiry, which an unimpeachable source said tonight would show the growth in the dominion of a virtual Fifth Column guided by Canada's great northern neighbour and wartime ally Russia.

Observers saw in this statement, which came from a source high up in Canadian Government Councils an indictment of such far-reaching international implications as could involve rupture of diplomatic relations and perhaps even reach the floor of the U.N.O. Assembly.

All suspected members of the spy ring being held at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police barracks near Rockcliffe, a suburb of Ottawa, are Canadian subjects but it is also believed some might be foreign agents.

There is a possibility that an interim statement naming the foreign country involved in spying activities might be made within the next two or three days in order to quieten many rumours which are current.

It is anticipated that Mr. MacKenzie King, the Canadian Premier, will name the country eventually, perhaps within the next two or three weeks, after the Royal Commissioners sift through the evidence now being compiled.

According to the latest information from authoritative sources tonight the only arrest known of outside Canada is that of a Government employee detained just outside London who is to be flown to Canada.

Thorough Inquiry Needed

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (Reuter): Canada's spy ring aids yesterday have produced a demand for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to inquire into the situation in the United States, according to Washington dispatches tonight.

Republican Senator Styles Bridges is quoted in the New York "Herald Tribune" as saying that the situation is one having "terrific potentialities." Bridges said he thought the Senate Foreign Relations Committee ought to investigate to see whether anyone in the State Department had prevented the Federal Bureau of investigation and the Department of Justice from proceeding with a thorough inquiry.

General Patrick J. Hurley, the Former United States Ambassador to China, is also quoted in the "Herald Tribune" as saying that Canadian developments tied in with the information he offered to give the Foreign Relations Committee last December.

Drew Pearson writing in the New York "Sunday Mirror" said: "Mr. MacKenzie King's startling disclosure indicating that Russian agents seized vital secrets, possibly including atomic bomb information, has faced the State Department with the embarrassing position whether it should prosecute too. Before Mr. King ordered the Canadian trials he consulted with the State Department with the idea that the two Government's should proceed simultaneously. Secretary of State James Byrnes however declined. Mr. Byrnes received first hints of a Russian spy ring when he was in London at the 'Big Five' Foreign Ministers Conference last September. The news seriously upset him and it was one reason for his violent blow up with M. Molotov.

CHINA'S FUTURE GOVT.

Sun Yat Sen's Proposal Might Be Accepted

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—China's future Parliamentary system has been the subject of a heated debate in the Committee appointed by the recent Inter-Party Political Consultative Conference to draft a constitution.

The Committee has met four times, and it is understood that some progress has been made.

It is generally agreed by experts that the "five power constitution" proposed by late Doctor Sun Yat Sen should be the basis of the Central Government in order to ensure a rational distribution of powers of Government.

Reuter adds: The late Dr. Sun Yat-Sen maintained that Government should be entrusted with five powers—Executive, Legislative, Judicial Examination and Control. The power of examination deals with selection of officials through competitive examination with a view to creating a new civil service system, while power of control pertains to impeachment of Government officials.

THIS IS NOT A PROSPECTUS, BUT ONLY AN ANNOUNCEMENT

"Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to the issue of capital, by an order of which a complete copy is open to public inspection at the Head Office of the Company subject to the conditions that so much of the capital as cannot in that Government's judgement be properly expended until some uncertain future date is invested and kept invested in prescribed securities which will not be released until the Central Government (in consultation with the Crown Representative if any Indian State interests are involved), is satisfied that the time has come to make corresponding payments for purposes which are consistent with the enforcement of any measures of control or restriction that may be in operation at the time when such release is supplied for. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinion expressed with regard to them".

A copy of this Prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Nagpur.

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(Rupees fifty Lacs)

divided into 50,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 100/- each.

PRESENT ISSUE:—25,000 shares of Rs. 100/- each.

Out of these shares comprising the present Issue, 12,500 shares of Rs. 100/- each have been subscribed for and taken by the managing agents, Directors and their friends and The remaining 12,500 shares of Rs. 100/- each are now offered to the Public at par for subscription payable as under:—

Rs. 25/- per share with application.

Rs. 25/- per share on allotment.

The remaining capital will be called for as required at intervals of not less than 2 months in such calls of not more than Rs. 25/- per share, as the Board of Directors may decide.

VOTING POWERS:

On a show of hands every member present at a meeting in person or by an Agent duly authorised under a power of Attorney shall have one vote. Upon a poll every member present in person, or by an Agent duly authorised under a Power of Attorney or by proxy shall have one vote for every share, held by him.

Subject to the provisions of the above Act, no member may vote, act as proxy or be, reckoned in a quorum whilst any call or other sum shall be due or payable to the Company in respect of any of the shares of such members.

TRANSFER OF SHARES:—

The Directors may in their absolute discretion decline to register any transfer of shares.

RESTRICTION ON MANAGEMENT:—

No restrictions are imposed by the Articles of Association upon the Directors of the Company in respect of their powers of management which are governed in terms of the Statutory Article 71 of Table A to the Indian Companies Act 1913.

DIRECTORS:—

1. SETH NATHMAL SAGARMALJI, Chairman (Ex-officio) Prop: Messrs. Sagarmal Nathmal Lunkad, Cloth Merchants & Bankers, Jalgaon. The Khandesh Dyeing & Printing Works, Jalgaon, Director: The Uplift of India Provident Society Ltd., Bombay.
2. LT. COL. RAJRATNA RAJYABHUSHAN RAI BAHADUR, SETH HIRALAL KALYANMALJI. Prop: Firm, Seth Tilokchand Kalyanmal, Mills owners & Bankers, Indore.
3. RAJYABHUSHAN JAINRATNA SURAJMAL GENDALALJI, Prop: Messrs. Gendalalji Surajmalji Badjatia, Mill owners, Bankers: Bada Sarafa, Indore, Managing Director: The Gendalal Mills Ltd., Jalgaon, Partner: The Dileep Oil Mills, Bangrod (Sailana State).
4. SETH SOBHAGMAL LODHA, Millowner & Banker, Ajmer. Prop: Messrs. Umedmal Abheymal, Bankers, Ajmer, Managing Agents: The Mewar Textile Mills Ltd., Bhilwara, (Mewar). Treasurer: B.B. & C.I. Rly. Director: The Rajasthan Bank Ltd., Udaipur.
5. SETH KHATAU B. VED. Proprietor, (1) Pratap Aluminium Works Calcutta, (2) Rajkot Metal Works, (3) Jamnadass Bros. Calcutta.
6. SETH PUKHRAJ SAGARMALJI, Ex-officio, Prop: Messrs. Sagarmal Nathmal Lunkad, Bankers and Cloth Merchants, Jalgaon, The Khandesh Dyeing & Printing Works, Jalgaon.
7. SETH BAKHTAWARMAL JETHMALJI, Bankers & Cloth Merchants, Indore.
8. SETH MOHANLAL SAGARMALJI, Bankers & Merchant, Jalgaon

DIRECTOR:—

The Nandlal Bhandari Mills Ltd., Indore. The Hira Mills Ltd., Ujjain. The Rajkumar Mills Ltd., Indore. The Hukumchand Mills Ltd., Indore. The General India Textile Stores Ltd., Indore. The Bombay Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd., Bombay. The Diamond Pictures Ltd., Indore. (All India Film Distribution). Central Cine Corporation Ltd., Bombay. The Bank of Dewas Ltd., Dewas Senior. The Tilak Insurance Co. Ltd., New Delhi. The States Film Corporation Ltd., Dholpur. Bombay Cinetone Ltd., Bombay, etc. etc.

BANKERS:—

1. The Imperial Bank of India Ltd., Jalgaon.
2. The Bharat Bank Ltd. Jalgaon.
3. The Bank of Nagpur Ltd., Jalgaon

LEGAL ADVISERS:—

Messrs. Bhaishanker Kanga and Girdharlal, Solicitors and Notary Public, Albert Building, Hornby Road, Bombay.

AUDITORS:—

Messrs. Kapadiya & Mehta, 10, Hamam Street, Bombay.

BROKERS:

(1) Narayandas Khandelwal & Co., 25, Swallo Lane, Calcutta.
(2) M/s. Loonkaran Madanmohan, Jiwan Kuti, Ujjain.
(3) Lalbhai Hirachand, Dalal Street Fort Bombay.
(4) M/s. K H. Surana & Co., Advani Chambers, Sir Phiroz Shah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay. (T. 28941).

REGISTERED OFFICE:—

(1) Burhanpur R. S. Central Provinces.
(2) Principal office. Sagar mansion Jalgaon (E.K.)

MANAGING AGENTS:—

Messrs. Sagarmal Lunkad & Sons, Merchants, Jalgaon, East Khandesh.

UNDERWRITING, COMMISSION & BROKERAGE:—

The amount of commission and brokerage shall not exceed 4 per cent of the face value of shares.

OBJECT OF THE COMPANY:—

The Company has been formed for the purposes mentioned in the Memorandum of Association, a copy of which is annexed hereto and forms part of this prospectus and particularly for the purpose of erecting and running an Up-to-date Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mill in Central Provinces. With that object in view, it is proposed to purchase a suitable site of land in the Central Provinces. The machinery, plant etc. will be imported from United Kingdom or U.S.A. and due application for import licence has been already submitted to the Chief Controller of Imports which is expected to be sanctioned at an early date. The Company is making all necessary arrangements for getting the machineries by the end of this year or early in 1947 so as to make it possible for them to work the mill by 1947. The machineries shall be most up-to-date and modern.

PROSPECTS:—

Taking into consideration the existing Textile mills in India and their production, it is not at all difficult for an average man to understand that the present production is quite insufficient to meet the minimum needs of India. In pre-war period it has been statistically found that mostly the cloths were imported to meet the Indian demand. During war period, when the transport difficulties were at the pitch, and no import was made, India passed through the cloth famine resulting in the un-imaginable miseries to the public. It has been therefore more pointedly realised during the war period that India must have, if not more, at least the requisite number of Cotton Mills just to meet with the bare necessity of the cloth.

It is also of interest to note that with the elimination of Japan (Due to its defeat in this war) from the market of India who was the next door competitor and used to dump the Indian market with unhealthy and injurious competition. This fear now is absolutely nullified and hence the opportunity should be fully availed of in developing this Industry.

The National Instinct of the Indian people at this stage is also a great factor to be counted which would decidedly encourage the Indian Industries.

The most disastrous war, though over, has brought to the forefront India's and more particularly of Central Provinces' deficiency of cloth production.

Bearing the above facts in view the Company has chosen the Province of C.P. for its activities and particularly Hindi C.P. where throughout its entire zone only one cotton mill exists. Under the statistical report of the Government of India C.P. tops the deficit zone. C.P. is particularly suitable for cloth mills due to its natural resources, availability of raw materials, good production of cotton and having its own coal mines etc., to meet the Textile mills demand at a comparatively cheaper cost. This Province has also the facility of Cement, lime and other materials required for construction purposes and the labour too is cheap. Therefore the Company has chosen Burhanpur which is the most suitable place in Hindi C.P. on the main line of G.I.P. Thus it affords great transport facilities. It is of further interest to note that the Company will have its mills equipped with the modern and latest machineries to ensure efficient production at a comparatively cheaper cost.

DIRECTOR'S QUALIFICATION:

The qualification of a Director other than Ex-Officio Director and Debenture Director, if any, shall at the time of his appointment and thenceforth during his continuance of office, be the holding in his own right of shares of the aggregate nominal value of Rs. 25,000/-.

DIRECTOR'S REMUNERATION:

The remuneration of a Director shall be such as may be fixed by the Directors not exceeding Rs. 50/- for each meeting attended by him and such additional remuneration as may be fixed by the Directors for services rendered by such Directors. The Directors are also entitled to such further remuneration (if any) as the Company in general meeting shall from time to time determine to be divided between them as determined by the Directors. In addition a Director is entitled to his travelling expenses for attending Board-Meeting if not a bonafide resident of Burhanpur or Jalgaon.

If any Director being willing shall be called upon to perform extra services or to make any special exertions in going or residing out of Burhanpur or Jalgaon or otherwise for the purposes of the Company, the Company shall remunerate such Directors either by a percentage of profits or otherwise as may be determined by the Directors in addition to or in substitution of the above remuneration.

The Directors may fix the remuneration of Committees of Directors and of Local Boards appointed by them.

DIRECTOR'S INTEREST:

Sjt. Nathmal Sagarmal, Sjt. Pukhraj Sagarmal and Sjt. Mohanlal Sagarmal are members of the firm of Messrs. Sagarmal Lunkad and Sons and are thus interested in the remuneration payable to the Managing Agents.

APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING AGENTS AND THEIR REMUNERATION:

The Articles of Association provide that the first Managing Agents of the Company shall be Messrs. Sagarmal Lunkad and Sons for a period of twenty years certain from the date of incorporation of the Company.

Remuneration of the Managing Agents:—The remuneration of the Managing Agents is to be as follows:

(a) An Office allowance of Rs. 1,000/- per month, to commence from the registration of the Company until the Mill of the Company begins to work and thereafter Rs. 2,000/- per month for supervision of and attention to the Company's business, such allowance to be exclusive of all expenses of the office establishment which are to be paid by the Company.

If at any time, the business of the Company is extended in its operation, such allowance of Rs. 2,000/- per mensem shall be increased to such amount as may be agreed upon between the Managing Agents and the Board of Directors of the Company.

(b) A commission at the rate of 10% on all nett annual profits of the Company.

The term "Nett Profits" means the profits of the Company calculated after allowing for usual working charges, interests on loan and advances, repairs and outgoings, bounties or subsidies received from Government or from public bodies, profits by way of premium on shares sold, profits on sale proceeds of forfeited shares or profits from the sale of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company, but without any deduction in respect of depreciation, income-tax, excess profit-tax, or any other tax or duty on income or revenue or for expenditure by way of interest on debentures or otherwise on capital account or on account of any sum which may be set aside in each year out of the profits for reserve or and special fund.

(c) If any year no such commission is earned or commission earned falls short of Rs. 25,000/- the Company shall pay to the Managing Agents a sum sufficient to make up a minimum amount of Rs. 25,000/- per annum in respect of such commission.

(d) The said commission shall be exclusive of and shall not include any remuneration commission, brokerage, salary, wages, which shall be payable to the Bankers, Solicitors, Engineers, Experts Commission Agents, Dealers, Brokers, Bankers, Managers, Officers Clerks, Servants, Workmen and other employed who may be employed by the said firm for or on behalf of the Company or for carrying on and conducting the business of the Company or any rent, post and telegram expenses, printing and stationery or other expenses nor any travelling charges and expenses incurred by the said firm in connection with the business of the Company nor expenses of maintaining the office at Jalgaon and branches or agencies of the Company elsewhere, all of such rent, remuneration, salaries, wages, costs, charges and other expenses shall be paid by the Company.

(e) The Managing Agents are also entitled to have as their nominees on the Directorate of the Company one third of the whole number of Directors as Ex-Officio Directors, one of whom shall be the Ex-Officio Chairman of the Board of Directors.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION:

The minimum subscription for the purpose of S 101 of the Act, on which the Directors will proceed to allotment, is shares of the nominal value of Rs. 12,50,000/-.

PRELIMINARY EXPENSES:

Messrs. Sagarmal Lunkad and Sons are meeting all Preliminary expenses of an incidental to the formation and registration of the Company and will be entitled to be reimbursed all the said expenditure on the date on which the Company commences business. The preliminary expenses are estimated at about Rs. 20,000/-. No promotion money has been paid or is intended to be paid to any promoter nor is any discount being paid or is payable to any one nor have any shares been issued to any one at a discount.

AGREEMENTS:

The following agreements have been or will be entered into on behalf of the Company.

An agreement between the Company of the one part and the firm of Messrs. Sagarmal Lunkad and Sons of the other providing for the appointment of Messrs. Sagarmal Lunkad and Sons as Managing Agents of the Company for the period of 20 years and upon the terms interalia hereinabove stated.

POWERS OF THE BOARD:

The business of the Company shall be managed by the Managing Agents under the general supervision of the Board of Directors. The Articles of Association provides that the Directors shall not without the sanction of the Company in general meeting borrow any sum which will make the amount borrowed by the Company outstanding at any one time, exceeds the amount of the issued capital for the time being of the Company but the persons dealing with the Company are absolved from any obligation to inquire whether the limit is observed.

DOCUMENTS:

Copies of Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and agreements referred to above, can be inspected at any time during the usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company at Burhanpur as also at the Office of Messrs. Sagarmal Lunkad and Sons at Jalgaon, East Khandesh. Inspection can also be had there of the letter of consent under Defence of India Rules 94 A to issue of Capital dated 24th October, 1945.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES:

Application for shares should be Prospectus and sent to the Commande on the form accompanying this pany's Registered Office or to Company's Office at Jalgaon or the Bankers and or to the Brokers together with remittance either in cash or by cheque the amount payable with the application. Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full and where number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, the balance of deposit will be applied towards the remaining payments. The prospectus and form of application may be obtained at the Registered Office of the Company or from the Managing Agents at Jalgaon.

Signature of the Directors,
NATHAMAL SAGARMAL.
SOBHAGMAL LODHA.
B. KHATAU B. VED.
HIRALAL KALYANMAL.
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Hindu: Magh Vad 3, 2002.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 16, 1365.
Parsi: Shehrever 19, 1315.
Sunrise: 7-5 a. m., Sunset 6-41 p. m.
Hightide: 01-55, 14-11; Lowtide 08-13, 19-58.

To-day's Engagements

NOTICE TO SPECIAL JURORS: Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the Notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

SRI KRISHNA GANA SABHA: Bharathanatyam and Abhinayam by Kumari Kalyani at the Shamiana at Podar College grounds at 8-15 p. m. today.

COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION DRIVE: Lecture at Kele Wadi, opp. Pralhad Mill, Fergusson Road. (Ward G) today at 6 p. m.

CALCUTTA ART SOCIETY: Exhibition of pictures of Chinese Artists at Princes' Room, Taj Mahal Hotel to be opened by Sir Victor Sassoon, at 6 p. m. today.

GATHA SOCIETY MEETING: At Cama Oriental Institute Library Hall, Apollo Street at 6 p. m. today. Dastur Bode will expound the Philosoohy of the Gathasyasna Ha 30.

KERALA DISTRESS RELIEF COMMITTEE: The adjourned meeting of the Committee, at 5 p. m. today at Shri Nagindas T. Master's Office, 94, Medow Street, Fort.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY: Anti-Smallpox mass vaccination campaign at (1) Kamathipura 8th Street, at 6-30 p. m. (S.T.) (2) Tank Street, at 7-30 p. m. (S. T.) and (3) Duncun Cross Road, at 8-30 p. m. (S. T.) today (Tuesday). At the same time and place arrangements are also made for Smallpox free vaccination.

KUNWAR DWARKAJI'S SPEECH: On 'Now how to achieve freedom for India', at Kavirashram, Lower Parel, at 4 p. m. today.

GIRGAUM DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Election campaign public meeting at Kalyan Moti's Chawl at 6 p.m. at Kandewadi. Messrs. S. K. Patil, Acharya Atre, Bideshkulk. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Silam, B. A. Khimji, Pardiwala will address the meeting.

A. I. S. A. KHADI BHANDAR: The Bhandar at 396, Kalbadevi Road will remain entirely closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19th and 20th inst. for departmental adjustments. The other branches will continue to work as usual on both these days.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, Feb. 19.
BOMBAY—1,
244 m (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H) 8_15 News (E) 8-30 Bismillah and Party 8_50 News (M) 9_0 News (G) 9-10 Madhubhai Patel and Party 9-30 Vimal Patki.
12_0 p.m. Tea Shop Programme 12_45 News (M) 12_50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1-0 Guniyal Desai and Party 1_30 News (E) 1_40 Music 4-20 School Broadcast 5_0 Geet 5_15 Kavita Pachan 5_30 Bismillah and Party 5-45 Topical Talk 5_55 Locals 6_0 Forces' Programme 6_15 Masid Khan Majid Khan 6-30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6_45 Rajani Joshi 7-0 "Mehafile Fesaneguyan" 7_30 Amanat Ali Khan 8_0 "Marathi Rangabhumi" 8-15 News (M) 8_30 News (G) 8_45 "Polish Babuji" 9-0 News (H) 9_15 News (E) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Programme Parade 9_45 Home and Factory 10-0 Kenneth Loveless 10_10 Interlude 10_15 Homi Kanga 10-30 Interlude 10_35 Hilde Feldberg 10-45 The Philadelphia Orchestra.

WOMEN BREAK NEW GROUND

Second Day Of Conference

Education and careers for women, were taken up for discussion during the morning and afternoon sessions of the conference of women in Trades, Industries and Professions, on its second sitting on Monday.

Summing up the morning session at which Mrs. Panandikar, Miss Khandwala and Mr. Kumarmangalam spoke, Mrs. Mehta who was the Chairman, stressed the urgency and importance of improving conditions of the teaching profession. She added that the teacher's profession was a noble one and pleaded women to join it in greater numbers.

In contrast with the serious mood of the morning session, the afternoon session was marked for its lively enthusiasm. And that was only natural because the speakers gave a vivid picture of the battles they had to fight as they broke new ground in joining such new careers as architecture, law, commercial art, insurance, journalism etc.

Inaugurating the afternoon session, Mrs. Lama observed that woman should be given the right of an individual to choose her career or profession and there should be no bars against her sex. Prominent among the speakers at this session were Mr. G. L. Mehta and Mrs. Durga Khote, who spoke on Co-operatives and Films. Journalism and Dramatics were taken up by Leela Jog and Hima Kesarkodi, while Miss Mistry spoke on architecture.

The morning session to-day, will be taken up for the Annual General Meeting of the Women's Council. New careers for women will be discussed in the afternoon session.

Zonal Quadrangular

SOUTH COMPILE 357 FOR 8 WICKETS

Splendid Batting By Deodhar And Ram Singh For 89 And 121 Not Out

(By J. C. MAITRA)

The stands were almost deserted when the second match in the Zonal Quadrangular between the West and East Zones commenced at the Brabourne Stadium on Monday. It was undoubtedly a reaction to the farce which the Great Nawab of Pataudi dished out to the Bombay public in the opening engagement As the day wore on, the number of the spectators increased appreciably. But it was hardly befitting the National tournament. I hope we shall see more of them today.

Although Deodhar was lucky with the spin of the coin, his side had an inauspicious start—in that they lost their first two wickets with only 16 on the board. Saeed Ahmed was responsible for the damage. Was he going to repeat his 1938 performance against the Hindus? That was the question which agitated many a mind at the time. But Sohoni and Rege managed to shave off the disaster. It was however left to skipper Deodhar to lay a solid foundation for his side.

DEODHAR'S SPLENDID DISPLAY

Associated with Sohoni, Deodhar raised the score from 62 for 3 to 133 for 4. The former contributing a valuable 51. Then joined by Ram Singh of Madras, he carried the total to 246 for the fifth wicket. No praise can be too high for the splendid manner in which this veteran player batted for 192 minutes. It showed his excellent physical fitness at the age of 53 and his remarkable courage. Pataudi and his like may well take a lesson from him in these respects. The only pity of it is that he missed the coveted three figures by the narrow margin of 11 runs. It would have been a grand climax to his eventful career.

RAM SINGH'S DISTINCTION

Ram Singh, playing, I believe, for the first time at the Stadium in representative cricket acquitted himself very creditably too. A left-handed batsman, who has complete control over his strokes he gave Vijay Merchant, the West Zone Captain, and his bowlers a good deal of headache. Frequent changes in the attack did not affect his 'sang froid' in any way. He punished them all with perfect impartiality and vigour till the end of the day. In his stay of 180 minutes at the wickets he registered 121 runs, including 14 hits to the boundary. Towards the end he appeared to be tired. But he carried on unbeaten. It was highly praiseworthy on his part to score a century on his first appearance—but he is no colt to look forward to a bigger future.

Aibara did well too to knock up a valuable 46. It is a respectable total on the whole for the South. But none too high for the formidable west combination to surpass. It remains to be seen how much farther they can advance today.

Making the first use of the wicket South Zone lost four wickets before lunch against the West Zone for a total of 133. Saeed Ahmed and Hazare claimed two wickets each.

Rege and Palia came out to open the South Zone first innings to the bowling of Phadkar and Saeed Ahmed when the left-hander had scored 13 of the 16 runs, he was bowled by Saeed Ahmed and with his next delivery he sent back Asghar Ali who met with the same fate.

This let in Sohoni and the Maharashtra pair plodded on to improve their position made difficult by two quick wickets. After the pair had added 46 runs of which Sohoni had scored 28, the Bombay 'Varsity opening batsman was sent back to the Pavilion by Hazare.

Deodhar received a warm welcome when he came out to join Sohoni. The Maharashtra skipper did not take long to get going. The rate of scoring improved and the first hundred of the innings soon appeared on the board.

Sohoni then completed his faultless 50 but after he had scored only one run more he was beaten and bowled by Hazare who had again come to the attack to bowl the last over before lunch.

The team adjourned for lunch at this stage Deodhar was batting with 40 runs to his credit.

AFTER LUNCH.

Ram Singh walked out after lunch to join his Captain and stated rather shakily. The South Zone skipper then completed his half century with three hits to the boundary as his principal strokes.

The left hander was playing watchful wicket almost with a determination to score. He hooked a bumper from Phadkar and entered his double figures.

Amir Elahi then relieved Vinoo Mankad who was bowling after the interval and Deodhar received a life at 71 when Hazare at slip failed to hold a snick.

The Madras left hander now opened out and the new ball taken by Hindlekar deputising for Merchant at 204 and entrusted to Hazare and Saeed Ahmed produced no result. Ram Singh once edged the Mangrol school-master between Uday, fielding for his brother, and Hazare rather dangerously. He soon reached his own 50 and was well set by now.

Vijay then had a turn with the ball himself but was not successful. He brought on Vinoo a short while before tea time, and once again in the last over before the break a wicket fell. Vinoo caught the Poona professor in two minds and had him bowled when he was only 11 runs short of his century. This was a very great performance for a man of his age, a performance that was as full of agility as it was of vigour. The partnership had produced 113 runs.

AFTER TEA.

Frank came out to join Ram Singh after tea and was out to the first ball he received. Aibara was then Ram Singh's next partner

The newcomer was playing quite well and took almost everything in the centre of his bat. He was more comfortable than Ram Singh who was repeatedly edging the ball.

The three hundred of the innings was hoisted on the board and a little later the turbaned Sikh went on to complete his first century in Bombay. So far he had eleven hits to the boundary to his credit. Although his innings did not typify cricket at its best, it was a very valuable knock for his side. Almost the only stroke that he was making with any confidence was the hook, which he often timed beautifully.

Vijay Merchant now brought on Phadkar who resorted to bumpers. Aibara only 4 short of his 50 mishit one into the hands of Adhikari at deep fine leg.

Their association for the seventh wicket had produced 95 runs.

Shinde came next. There was now barely a quarter hour's play left. Merchant brought on Amir Elahi and Hazare in a double change and in the latter's first over the newcomer was held by Gul Mohammad at short leg.

Stumps were drawn at this stage.

Scores :—

SOUTH ZONE (First Innings).		
Rege, l_b_w_ b Hazare		17
Palia, b Saeed Ahmed		13
Asghar Ali b Saeed Ahmed		0
Sohoni, b Hazare		51
Deodhar, b Vinoo Mankad		89
Ram Singh, batting		121
Frank, l.-b._w b Vinoo Mankad		0
Aibara c Adhikari b Jhadkar		46
Shinde, c Gul Mohammad, b Hazare		5
Rangachari, to bat.		
Doctor, to bat.		
Extras		15
Total (for 8 wickets)		357

FALL OF WICKETS :—1/16, 2/16, 3/62, 4/133, 5/246, 6/246, 7/341 and 8/357.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Phadkar	22	4	80	1
Saeed Ahmed	23	4	57	2
Hazare	24.3	5	68	3
Vinoo Mankad	23	5	51	2
Amir Elahi	21	0	76	0
Merchant	5	2	10	0

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Bombay Presidency Women's Council Conference at Convocation Hall on Sunday was inaugurated by Lady Cowasji Jehangir and presided over Mrs. Hansa Mehta.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 18, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weatrer chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st Nov. 1945, and departure from 'normal recorded at 8 hours (I. S. T.), on 18th Feb., 1946:—

Ahmedabad 92 68 0 0 minus 0.3, Ahmednagar 87 56 0 0.3 minus 1.4, Allahabad 80 56 0 1.0 minus 0.9, Bangalore 83 64 0 0.7 minus 2.7, Baroda 94 57 0 0 nil, BOMBAY 87 72 0 2.1 minus 0.4, Calcutta 93 66 0 0 minus 2.1, Cherrapunji 71 55 0 0 minus 5.0, Delhi 77 50 0 0 minus 2.1, Gorakhpur 89 62 0.3 0.7 minus 0.8, Hyderabad (Dn) 83 62 0.3 0.9 minus 1.1, Hyderabad (Sd) 88 56 0 0 minus 0.5, Indore 83 55 0 0 minus 1.1, Jamshedpur 90 69 0 0 nil, Karachi 83 61 0 0.1 0.5, Lahore 82 nil 0 0.1 minus 2.1, Lucknow 81 56 0 0.1 minus 1.1, Madras 87 72 0 17.4 minus 3.7, Mahableshwar 77 58 0 0 minus 2.1, Nagpur 86 59 0.4 1.0 minus 1.1, Pachmarhi 74 51 T 0.3 minus 2.0, Peshawar 78 46 0 2.1 minus 1.3, Poona 90 58 0 0.2 minus 1.2, Quetta 65 6C 30 0 2.8 minus 1.8, Shillong 69 46 T 1.8 minus 1.2, Srinagar 56 37 0 2.4 minus 4.5, Surat 96 68 0 0 minus 0.6.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Sympathy is the safeguard of the human soul against selfishness.

—Carlyle

The Bombay Chronicle

THE RAILWAY BUDGET

The end of the war has brought a new chapter in India's national economy; and its first page is provided by the Railway Budget for 1946-47. The gross traffic receipts have shown a sharp decline from the Revised Estimates of Rs. 225 crores in 1945-46, to 177 crores in 1946-47, a decline of over 23 per cent. This is balanced to some extent by the corresponding decline in the working expenses, including allowance for Depreciation Fund, from 169.30 crores in the Revised Estimates of 1945-46 to 125.73 crores or over 25 per cent in the Budget Estimates for the coming year. The gross traffic receipts were the highest in the last year of the war. During the greater part of it, hostilities had ceased. But their effect has continued during all the succeeding months. The Revised Estimates, therefore, of 1945-46 may well be regarded as under war-time influence. The bulk of the earnings came, as in the earlier war years, from military traffic, and goods or services transported in connection with military requirements, e.g., iron and steel, wrought iron, gur and jagri and molasses; oil seeds; rice not in husk; coal and coke, and raw jute. The heaviest increase is likewise found in the areas closest to the war zone, namely Bengal Assam Railway There the tonnage carried increased by 45.4 per cent. As compared with 1943-44 the earnings from goods traffic on all Indian railways increased in 1944-45 by over 10.9 per cent, that is from 103.23 crores to 114.46 crores. On the other hand, passenger earnings showed a slighter increase during the same period of 9.28 crores, that is to say, from 67.17 crores to 76.45 crores. In terms of percentage, however, this is much greater, being 13.9 per cent. As the overwhelming bulk of all these earnings represents nothing more than transfer from one Government pocket to another, we see no very great cause for jubilation in this. The ordinary working expenses show a corresponding increase from 90.10 crores in 1943-44 to 123.34 crores or over 45 per cent, leaving out the interest on capital. The actual ratio of working expenses, including appropriation to the Depreciation Fund and the Reserve Fund, to the gross earnings of Railways has increased from 57.96 per cent in 1943-44 to 65.14 per cent in 1944-45, and the tendency to increase continues. In the current and in the coming year, the curve seems to have risen much more steeply. Including interest the ratio rises upto over 70 per cent in 1946-47. The main increase in 1944-45 in the working expenses was accounted for by structural works and rolling stocks; by increased staff because of the increased business; by an enhancement in the rate and scope of dearness allowance, and other compensatory allowance; by the higher cost of coal and fuel, both because of the increase in the quantity consumed and in the price charged. These tendencies remain still unaffected, notwithstanding 8 months after the end of hostilities by the time the Budget for 1946-47 comes into operation.

It is impossible to go into the details of the Railway Budget as presented by the War Transport Member in this brief review. But it is worth recording that, because of the fall in the railway earnings, the contribution to the general revenues is expected to decline substantially, from 32 crores to 12 crores during the current year. This decline need not be regretted, if it means that the Railway finance is to be put on a more normal basis. Two other features in the Budget of the War Transport Member also deserve special notice. A welcome improvement is to be provided in the near future for Inter and Third Class passengers in the shape of sleeping accommodation, better lavatory facilities larger knee-room, etc. This is the most paying section of pasenger traffic; and anything that the Railway authorities can do towards its improvement can never be regarded as excessive. In the various demands submitted by the South Indian Railway Federation of Workers to Mahatma Gandhi many of these find emphatic expression; and the promise of the Railway Member is, therefore, to be welcomed. The other feature of similar importance is in connection with the establishment of a Betterment Fund, to which a sum of Rs. 12 crores is promised to be set aside from the Railway Reserve Fund, in addition to Rs. 3 crores from the net revenue of 1946-47. This is to be utilised for improvements and amenities, both for the public and the staff. We hope the illustrations given above, with respect to the facilities for the travelling public as well as for the working staff on the railways, would receive each its due.

The revenues of the Government of India will receive in 1946-47 a heavy setback so far as Railways are concerned. The contribution from this source to the general revenues is only 7 crores as against 32 crores in 1945-46. The tendency of the railways to show lessening surplus, according to the War Transport Member, is likely to last for months to come. If, however, the Government of India exert themselves, begin planned development and expedite co-ordinated effort for the review of priorities and controls, there is every reason to believe that the traffic will not fall so sharply as the Transport Member imagines; and the earnings would admit of expansion of which the Member-in-Charge gives no hint. Railway Budgeting during the war years has been characterised with very restrained optimism. The result is that the eventual surplus has always been greater than what was budgeted for at the time the Budget was presented. We realise, indeed, that the surplus was not due to any genuine improvement in the national economy; but was rather the result of the extraordinary needs of the Defence Department. Even so, however, the momentum, then imparted must continue during the coming year, so that the decline in contribution to the general revenues to the extent anticipated by the Finance Member may perhaps not be quite so large.

There are many items of detail in the Budget Speech, both of new construction and improvement in existing facilities, not to mention the grave question of Rail Road co-ordination to which no justice can be done in a brief review like the present. Special prominence, however, is given, and rightly so, by Sir Edward Benthall to the problem of revising the rates. Railway rates in India at the present time cannot possibly claim to be economic in the sense that they are adjusted to the capacity of the traffic to bear such burdens. These rates are, in fact, the outcome of practically a rigid monopoly, which is more than ever indifferent to the needs of the consumers; because during the war money cost appears to be no consideration for the spending authorities. The revision of railway rates, therefore, from the existing "ad hoc" or unscientific level, to something fitting closely with the national economy, under a well-devised National Plan, is as overdue as it is urgent. It is to be hoped that whatever changes may take place in the Government of this country, the problem will not be overlooked by any Government, whether the present or its successor. The question also of the labour employed on railways is another important and complicated problem. Rumblings of the coming danger have been heard in the memorials presented already by sections of the Railwaymen's Federation from all parts of the country, making categorical demands. Sir Edward does not seem to be mindful at all of the danger of demobilising those who had been called to work during the great need of war-time, with a view, if not to absolute economy, at least to accommodate those who have served the British Government in the field. As Mahatma Gandhi has observed in reply to the Railwaymens Memorial: "It is a double wrong and it is to be hoped that the process of demobilisation will not be pushed in the name of retrenchment, beyond its legitimate level".

Of all the other problems mentioned by him, namely, the review of the contribution to the general revenues, the basis of the Depreciation Fund, and the expansion fee in railway mileage, none is so urgent as the general financial consideration embodied in the Convention with railways which has been at work during the last 20 years or so but which now demands a radical revision. The claims of the railways to be considered an earning asset of the State may be open to question But the part the railways can play in promoting the industrialisation of this country and consequently in improving the all-round economy, cannot be challenged. It is from this point of view therefore that we would suggest the handling of these problems and there the assistance of experienced railwaymen in this country will be far more useful than any number of imported experts for whom the present Government of India seem to have such an unwarrantable "penchante".

Frankly Speaking

Bombay Women's Council

The Bombay Presidency Women's Council, which is now holding in the city a Conference on "Women in Industries, Trades and Professions", is well known as one of the best women's institutions in India. Its object is stated to be "to associate women in the Bombay Presidency for the betterment of their social conditions and the advancement of the people and the country". With this object it works as a Central Organisation for the province through its thirty affiliated societies, four branches and its various sub-committees, such as Rescue Home, Women's Home Industries Depot, Labour Welfare, Public Health, Literacy and Education, Children's Library and Parliamentary Sub-Committee. Its Report for 1945 shows marked progress in its work, its recognition by the Municipality and the Government, new ventures such as Children's Holiday Libraries and its participation in public causes. Its recent achievements are due, to no small extent, to the earnestness and organising capacity of its retiring President, Mrs. Kamala S. Dongarkery, who, beginning work in the Council about ten years ago in its various Sub-Committees, was elected Vice-President in 1943 and President in 1944 and 1945. To her work in the Council she brought the varied experience she had gathered in a number of women's associations which she served. Her experience as the Hon. Secretary of the Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund and in the collection of funds for the Bijapur Famine and the Bengal and Distressed Areas Relief Funds should stand her and the Council in good stead in helping relief of the threatened scarcity in the Province, a task which we have no doubt institutions like the Council will wholeheartedly undertake.

Azad On Calcutta Disturbances

The Bengal Government has tried to explain why Dalhousie Square in Calcutta and certain areas adjacent to it are generally treated by Government in a special manner so far as public assembly or procession is concerned. But the explanation is unconvincing and we agree with the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad that "the attempt to reserve some parts of the city as a special and sacrosanct area is indefensible". To invest Dalhousie Square with a special discriminatory privilege is an insult to the people of Calcutta and, as the Congress President says, the citizens of Calcutta are not prepared to tolerate it any longer. The demonstrations would have passed off peacefully as they usually do when the executive does not blunderingly offer any provocation. That provocation was offered when the police tried to block the procession and disperse it by force. What developed thereafter is now a well-known tragedy of mob excitement on the one side and on the other official panic resulting in resort to more force and yet more force.

A Moral Obligation

An inquiry is needed into why the executive behaved as it did, and did not consider it worthwhile to adopt sensible and conciliatory methods to deal with the situation that had developed. At the same time those who, initiated the demonstrations, are also to blame because they took things in their own hands and did not even consult their responsible leaders who were confronted with "an accomplished fact". Such lack of discipline and responsibility resulted eventually in the whole trouble going even out of their own control. Hooliganism and goondaism got their opportunity and used it. Of the many deplorable incidents that happened Maulana Abul Kalam Azad draws particular attention to the attack on a Methodist Church. That was pure, indefensible vandalism. The Congress President has suggested that damage to the Church should be made good by contribution from the citizens of Calcutta. It is a suggestion that deserves immediate and full response. This gesture is needed "as a proof" to quote Maulana Azad, "that in the India of the future, the places of worship of every community would be sacred to members of every other community".

A Spy Hunt

The announcement of a big spy hunt in Canada has created a world sensation which has been heightened by the facts that the "foreign power" involved is the Soviet Union and that the prize the organisation was after was the secret of the atom bomb. Such a sensation is bound to produce all sorts of supplementary sensations, some true, the rest just imaginative. And Mr. Drew Pearson's "revelations" are only the beginning of these. Yet fundamentally there is little that is surprising about it all. Every Big Power has its secret service organisation, elaborate and costly which functions practically all the world over among friendly and non-friendly nations alike. And the atomic secret is something which every nation would like to possess by some means or the other.

Menacing Warning

If only the wilfully blind would see, the main significance of the discovery of a spy ring in Canada lies in the fact that it is another and a grim warning of the dangers to international friendship, trust and peace which the present policy regarding the atom inevitably creates. The atom secret cannot be kept long even if there are no "spies" to "steal" it. Very soon it will be discovered by other nations also who have scientific and other resources. For such resources are no monopoly of the United States, Britain and Canada. To withhold the secret is merely to increase suspicion, antagonism and rivalry grave dangers in any case, far graver when it is the question of the atom. The secret should be shared in the interests of international good will and peace. But that alone will not guarantee peace at all. Manufacture of the Atom bomb and atomic energy should at every stage and in every country be unreservedly subject to full international investigation and control. This undoubtedly involves significant encroachment on the sovereignty of a nation as also on narrow economic interests. But the alternative menace is awful for the whole world.

CONGRESS NOMINEES FOR ORISSA ASSEMBLY

Central Parliamentary Board's Decision

BOMBAY, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.). The Congress Central Parliamentary Board met this afternoon with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the chair. Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Member of the Board, was present. Mr. Harekrishna Mehtab and Mr. B. Viswanath Das of Orissa, who were specially invited also attended.

CONGRESS NOMINEES FOR ORISSA ASSEMBLY

The Central Election Board has nominated the following persons as Congress candidates to contest seats for the Orissa Legislative Assembly. Four scheduled castes Congress candidates have already been returned unopposed. They are: North Cuttack Sadr—Sri Kanucharan Das, North Puri Sadr—Sri Purna Chandra Samal, West Bhadrak—Sri Brindaban Ch. Das, Aska-Surada—Sri Iswarnaik.

The following are the names now nominated:—

1. West Cuttack Sadr.—Sri Gourang Chandra Das.
2. Central Cuttack Sadr.—Sri Bijay Pattanaik.
3. North Cuttack Sadr.—Sri Bhairab C. Mahanty.
4. East Cuttack Sadr.—Sri Sarangdhar Das.
5. South Cuttack Sadr.—Sri N. Kanungo.
6. Central Kendrapara—Sri Dinabandhu Sahu.
7. North Kendrapara.—Sri Nabakrishna Choudhury.
8. East Kendrapara—Sri Rajakrishna Bose.
9. East Jajpur.—Sri Gadadnar Datta and Sri Santam K. Das.
10. East Jajpur.—Sri. Dwarkanath Das.
11. North Jajpur.—Sri. Madanmohan Pattanaik.
12. Angul District.—Sri. Harishikesh Tripathy.
13. East Puri Sadr.—Sri. Jaykrishna Mahanty.
14. South Puri Sadr.—Sri. Loknath Misra.
15. North Puri Sadr.—Pandit Lingraj Misra.
16. West Khurda—Sri. Sayabidi Nanda.
17. East Khurda—Sri. Banmali Pattanaik.
18. Central Balasore Sadr.—Sri. Surendra Nath Das.
19. South Balasore Sadr.—Sri. Kailash Chandramahanty.
20. North Balasore Sadr.—Sri. Kerunakar Panigrahi.
21. West Bhadrak.—Sri. Bhaghat Sahu.
22. East Bhadrak.—Sri. H. Mehtab.
23. Sambalpur Sadr.—Sri. Bodhraru Dube, Sri Mohan Singh.
24. West Bargarh.—Sri. Ranjit Singh.
25. East Bargarh.—Pandit Laxminarayan Misra and Sri. Bisi Bibhar.
26. Khariar.—Sri. Devji Bhai Haribhai Patel.
27. Ghumsur Taluk.—Sri. Dinbandhu Behara.
28. Kudala. — Sri. Jagannath Misra.
29. Chatrapur.—Sri. Narayan Panda.
30. Aska-Surada.—Sri. Madhusudan Mahapatra.
31. Berhampur.—Sri. Umacharan Pattanaik, Sri. P. L. N. Rao and Sri. Somanath Pande.
32. Balliguda-Khondmals.—Sri. Narayan Patra.
33. Parlakimedi.—Sri. Ananta Tripathy.
34. Naurangpur.—Sri. Sadasnib Tripathy.
35. Jaypore Malkangiri.—Sri. Radhamohan Sahu.
36. Korapur.—Sri. Radhakrishna Viswas Roy.

WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY

37. Cuttack Town.—Smt. Priyambada Devi.
38. Berhampur.—Smt. Laxmi Bai.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

39. Orissa Commerce and Industry.—Sri. G. Tihirani.

LABOUR CONSTITUENCY

40. Orissa Labour Constituency.—Moulvi Muhammad Hanif. Further nominations will be announced later.

The Board will meet at 8 a. m. on Tuesday to consider the Andhra question.

Azad Nominates J. C. Ghosh In Place Of K. C. Chakravorty

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): The Congress President Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has issued the following in his capacity as Chairman of the Congress Central Parliamentary Board:

"The name of Prof. Jyotish Chandra Ghosh has previously been considered for nomination for election to the Bengal Legislative Assembly from the Calcutta East General Constituency but owing to the weak state of his health it was decided that he should not be burdened with the work of the Assembly. His physician Dr. B. C. Roy has since, however, informed me that his health is not so weak. I have, therefore, nominated him (Prof. Ghosh) to that seat (Calcutta East General Constituency) and trust that Mr. Keshab Chandra Chakravorty will withdraw his candidature as a disciplined soldier which he always has been."

CONGRESS NOMINEES FOR MADRAS COUNCIL

The Central Election Board today has nominated the following persons as Congress candidates to contest seats for the Madras Legislative Council (Upper House) from Andhra and Tamil Nad.

ANDHRA

Vizagapatam District—Shri. C. Veerabhadra Rao.

East Godavari—Shri. T. Purushottam (9 years), Shri. N. Ramabhadriraju (3 years).

Guntur District.—Shri. Maddi Sudarsanam.

Chittoor—Shri. R. B. Ramakrishnamraju.

Cuddappah—Shri. N. Rangareddi.

Anantapur—Shri. G. Venkatareddi.

The nomination for the West Godavari seat will be announced later.

TAMIL NAD

Madras City—Dr. U. Rama Rao.

Tanjore—Shri K. Manaithuna Desikar.

Trichinopoly—Dr. Rajan.

Coimbatore—Shri R. Ramakrishna Naidu.

Madura—Shri. A. K. A. Ramachandra Reddiar.

Ramnad (1st seat)—Shri S. Jayaram Reddy.

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER

1st Seat—Mr. Roche Victoria.

2nd Seat—Mr. Rodrigues.

BR. MILITARY DECLARES ON FIRM ACTION IN FUTURE DISTURBANCES

Sequel To Clash Between Police And Demonstrators In Singapore

SANGAPORE, Feb. 17 (Reuter): Firm action will be taken by the British Military Administration here in dealing with any future disturbances. This was made clear in an official statement issued today on a clash between the police and demonstrators on Feb. 15—anniversary of the fall of Singapore—after a communist demand for permission to hold a demonstration on that day had been refused.

The Malayan Communist Party in its application to hold a demonstration has stated it was "to remind ourselves of the dark days during the Japanese occupation and to work for a better Malaya."

On the night of Feb. 14, says today's statement, the police made several arrests with the object of preventing a possible attempt to defy the ban but in spite of this about 200 men armed with clubs and iron bars attempted to hold a procession and attacked the police who intervened to stop them. The police opened fire and one person was killed and several wounded. This police action was termed "as a whole fully justified", in the findings of the enquiry ordered by the headquarters of the Supreme Allied Commander which were released today.

Official statement on the incidents concludes: "The British Military Administration will continue to arrest persons responsible for or persons encouraging disturbances of peace."

Evidence that this policy is being closely followed was seen yesterday when 15 Chinese who pleaded guilty to holding a procession and beating drums without permits were each sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and 25 straits dollars fine.

19 other Chinese have been allowed bail before standing trial on charges ranging from rioting to joining in unlawful acts, endangering life and assaulting public servants.

Today Mr. Lin Ah Liang, Chief of the Singapore branch of the Communist Party was detained by the police.

It was in his name and that of the city committee of the Malayan Communist Party that a statement appeared in the Chinese press calling on the people to defy the police ban and he was among those injured and taken to hospital in a clash with the police on Feb. 15.

It is understood that charges of sedition and of holding an unlawful assembly will be preferred against him.

Pataudi As India's Captain

I refer to Mr. D. F. Karaka's letter in your paper justifying the selection of the Nawab of Pataudi as Captain of the Indian side. I cannot agree with the view that 'the choice of a captain does not necessarily depend on his present cricket form.' Present form has to be considered as otherwise the team plays 10 men and not 11. Besides, this team is not a political venture like the recent M.P.s' Delegation to India; its purpose is to win matches and the Tests in particular. If one big match is won the publicity will automatically follow.

The Nawab may be known in England as the 'Noob'; what we are concerned with is that the Indians, as far as cricket is concerned, do not come out of this tour as 'boobs.' Moreover, until the Nawab's appearance—or rather, disappearance—in a recent match, the criticism has been directed against the Board of Cricket who appointed him and not against the Nawab himself. We all know that if the selected Captain does undertake the journey, our 'good wishes' will ultimately go with the team. But, in the meanwhile where is the harm if some badly-needed cleaning up is done—after all, its a free press!

I am sure Mr. Karaka cannot have the time to also study carefully the salient points of our cricket and its intrigues, and I therefore feel he will agree that this is best left to those who have that time

S. F. K.

Indian Cricket Tour To England

Sports like Death is the greatest leveller. Royalty can take no higher or better place where the honour of whole India is concerned in the selection of the Skipper of Indian Cricket team to England.

The name of Vijay Merchant—the idol of the Indian Criket field—with his experience and technique—by unanimous verdict of Indian Cricket stands supreme and unchallenged

The Cricket pundits have erred a second time by adopting questionable methods in the field of sports and games.

Has not some one grossly bungled in omitting Dulipsingji as a member of the Election Committee? Can two wrongs make one right?

FESI DARUWALLA.

Purdy & Gee Sentenced

Sensational Robbery Case Ends

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Weston and a Special Jury).

Emperor

Versus

1. Murray Gow Purdy-Singh.
2. Edward Dennis Gee .. Accused.

This sensational case in which the accused robbed a Bombay jeweller on the night of 23rd April 1944 after having made him open his shop on the strength of a forged warrant of arrest for having communicated with the enemy, concluded on Monday afternoon. By a majority of 6 to 3, the jury found both accused guilty on all the three charges of impersonation of public servants, using a forged warrant as genuine and robbery with hurt. On each of the first two of these charges, His Lordship sentenced the accused to 2 years' rigorous imprisonment each. On the main charge of robbery (with hurt), however, His Lordship sentenced Purdy to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment, but Gee to 5 years' rigorous imprisonment only because in His Lordship's opinion he took a lesser part in the offence.

The accused were originally tried for the same offences before Mr. Justice Coyajee and a Common Jury. After 31 hearings in course of which 50 prosecution witnesses and 24 defence witnesses had been examined, the trial had ended inconclusively on 14th December 1945 by the judge disagreeing with the majority verdict of not guilty brought in by the jury and ordering a retrial.

The retrial of the accused commenced before Mr. Justice Weston and a Special Jury on 21st January 1946. After 20 hearings in course of which 44 prosecution witnesses and 22 defence witnesses were examined, it ended on Monday afternoon with a majority verdict of guilty against the accused.

Sir Hormuzdyar Dastur and Mr. J. C. Forbes instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution.

Purdy defended himself in person. Mr. M. J. Gordhandas defended Gee.

DOPING CASE

Question Of Bail Remanded To Magistrate

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Lokur).

1. Bhola Mathabix
2. Nabi Bux ..... Applicants (Original Accused).

Versus.

Imperator ..... Opponent.

This was a Revision application from the Order of the Chief Presidency Magistrate directing that the applicants be enlarged on a bail of Rs. 10,000 each with two sureties in the like amount, and that in default they be remanded to police custody till February 26th.

The first applicant, a riding-boy, and the second applicant a jamadar were arrested in connection with the alleged doping of four race horses.

Having regard to the fact that there was no allegation that the applicants might abscond, Their Lordships referred the case back to the Magistrate to reconsider the question of bail in view of Section 110 of the City Police Act which stated that bail should be fixed with due regard to the circumstances of the case and should not be excessive. In the meantime the accused were ordered to be transferred from police to magisterial custody.

NEW JUDGE TAKES HIS SEAT

Portrait Of Mr Justice Divatia Unveiled

Mr. Justice Dixit was warmly welcomed on behalf of the appellate side Bar when he took his seat on the Bench for the first time on Monday morning. To the addresses of welcome Mr. Justice Dixit gave a suitable reply.

On Monday evening the Chief Justice unveiled the portrait of Mr. Justice Divatia who has just retired from the High Court Bench, in the presence of all the judges and of the Bar.

ARE FOOTPATH DWELLERS RESIDENTS?

What is the definition of a resident in the city? This question was raised by Mr. M. O. E. Patel, in the meeting of the Municipal Corporation on Monday when Mr. S. L. Silam moved the resolution to sanction Rs. 66 000 for election purposes. Mr. Silam said the Municipal election will take place in February 1947 and the staff will have to be engaged as Supervisors and Enumerators and clerks. etc.

Mr. M. O. E. Patel wanted to know from the Municipal Commissioner as to how he would define the term "resident" especially as more than three lakhs of people were sleeping on the footpaths and had nothing to call as "residence." Besides, those who were 21 years old were entitled to vote. He asked the Commissioner how he would know whether a person is exactly 21 years old and not 20 years.

The Commissioner replied the situation will be met as the difficulty would arise.

The resolution was carried.

KHER AND AMBEDKAR MEET GOVERNOR

BOMBAY, Monday

The Governor of Bombay granted interviews to the Hon Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Mr. B. G. Kher.

Sagarmal Spinning & Weaving Mills, Ltd.

Elsewhere is published the announcement of the Sagarmal Spinning and Weaving Mills Ltd., which has a very influential directorate of leading millowners in Central India and Rajputana. The Company has done well in choosing the C. P. for its activities and particularly in Hindi C. P. where only one textile mill exists at present.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

MOSCOW, Feb. 17.

The Soviet Press remained silent to the appeal voiced before the United Nations in London on Friday by Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar for Russian help in the Indian food crisis. Asking for "a few grains from the rich tables of those who have enough", Sir Ramaswami called upon Russia to help furnish "what we need to keep our bodies and souls together."

—Associated Press of America.

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Gandhiji on the food crisis: "Whatever the cause, the fact is that if Government and public do not approach the crisis patiently and courageously, disaster is a certainty."

True enough. But what is the guarantee that when the public does approach however patiently the police will not proceed to disperse it with lathi charges, tear gas, etc.?

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In the opinion of Dr. Ambedkar of which he recently delivered himself 'all this talk of solving the food situation was empty talk, as if the replacement of a few members of the Executive Council by the Hindus was all that was necessary."

We understand. Some one should remove Dr. Ambedkar's fears and reassure him.

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The Scheduled Castes, Dr. Ambedkar declares, are not asking for a territorial division like the Muslims. All that they want is a fair deal.

What? Is the Muslim demand for territorial deal asking for an unfair deal?

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According to a Calcutta report the Governor of Bengal, Mr. R. G. Casey, entertained Mr. M. A. Jinnah, who was attended by Messrs. Ispahani and Suhrawardy, to lunch on Sunday.

How many courses?

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Asked by pressmen whether there was any truth in the rumour that with both the Congress and Muslim League Presidents in Calcutta now, there was any likelihood of a meeting between them, Mr. Jinnah laughed it away saying, "You don't put me such questions."

The unconscious humour of the rumour and the question struck us too.

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M. Bidault again intervened to say that the French delegation agreed entirely with Mr. Stettinius' text, and therefore all problems of negotiations were solved. —Security Council proceedings on the Levant dispute.

And we are sure Vice-President Maurice Thorez agrees entirely with the French delegation.

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The Iranian Prime Minister, Qavam Es Sultaneh has promised the Majlis "a new page in relations with Russia."

Amen!

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Manchuria is a leading newspaper topic in Chungking.....

—Reuter.

We too were wondering; but we are now beginning to see the outline of the situation.

CRICKET

By D. F. Karaka

(With apologies to 3,000,000 tons of food-grains which are missing in India).

ACT 1.

BOMBAY: The scene opens in the ballroom of the Cricket Club of Hindustan, which excludes the 5 Pakistan provinces. The characters are unknown. They talk a lot of bats and balls.

"Why Pataudi?"
"Arre but...."
"Simply wrong...."
"Jai Hind."
"Intrigue, just because...."
"Demello."
"Subarayyan."
"Jai Hind."
"Why Pataudi?"
"Hindu team."
"Why Pataudi?"
"Jai Hind."
"Unfair to public."
"Unfair to India."
"Free Press."
'Jai Hind."
'Arre pun, Russa...."
"Jai Hind."
"Why Pataudi?"
"Allow ... allow."
'Kon?"
'Kottun."
"Why Pataudi?'.
"Jai Hind."
"Su bhav?"
"Jai Hind."
"Why Pataudi?"
'Jai Hind."
'Unfair to Hindu team."
'Unfair to Parsis."
'Unfair to Bombay."
"Unfair to merchants."
"Jai Hind."

The scene ends on Ken Mac's signature tune "Pistol-Packing Mamma."

ACT 2.

LONDON.

"Daddy, are you going to see the Indian Test Team?"
"What Indians?"

ACT 3.

TOONGKING.

"Say, Woo Flung, have you packed that consignment for India?"
"No. Dung, no can find India on this map."

Artillery And Tanks Engage Indonesians

BATAVIA, Feb. 18 (Reuter): Artillery and tanks engaged two small parties of Indonesians near Sourabaya over the week-end, an official report stated to-day

In Bandoeng area in western Java where troops were operating in the water works area, some road blocks were encountered and cleared and machineguns were silenced by artillery.

NINE I. N. A. MEN SENT TO GALLOWS

War Secretary's Statement In Assembly: Charge Of Bearing Arms Against British

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18 (A.P.I.): Mr. P. Mason, War Secretary, stated in the Assembly in reply to Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar today that ten lakhs of rupees was the estimated expenditure on the Victory Week celebrations in Delhi beginning March 4 to 9. The expenditure included transportation of the troops to Delhi and back and accommodation in Delhi but not such items as rations which were a normal charge wherever the troops might be.

(Q) What is the need for having a parade once again in Delhi?

Ans.: Because, Sir, with the help of God and our Allies, we have defeated the greatest military power in history (applause).

Mr. Mason replied in the affirmative to a number of supplementaries asking whether V. J. Day and V. E. Day had not already been celebrated.

Mr. Ayyangar and others asked why this heavy expenditure was being incurred at a time when as the Viceroy had stated yesterday the country faced a difficult situation. Mr. Mason replied that the holding of the celebrations would have no effect on the food situation. The amount of food consumed would be the same wherever the troops were. It was too late to stop the celebrations, he added.

NEGOTIATIONS ON STERLING BALANCES

Mr. Subedar asked whether the Government of India had asked H. M. G. to send representatives to India to open negotiations on the question of Sterling Balances, and whether the Finance Member would make a statement in order to wipe out the effect on public opinion in India of the opinions expressed by Sir John Anderson and Mr. Churchill. The Finance Member suggested that Mr. Subedar was inviting disclosure of confidential information.

Mr. Gole asked whether it was not true that the scaling down of the sterling balances by ten per cent had been suggested and was under consideration. The Finance Member was heard to deny this report.

By signing the articles of agreement of the International Monetary Fund, India had undertaken to subscribe to the fund the quota allotted to her of 400 million dollars, said the Finance Member, in reply to Mr. Gole.

Mr. Gole: What arrangements have been made to pay the quota?

The Finance Member: None except that an advance payment of one hundredth of one per cent of the quota amounting to Rs. 1.3 lakhs has been made towards the initial expenses of the Fund.

MILITARY MEMBERS OF I. N. A.

Mr. Mason informed Mr. V. Gangaraju that the total number of Military members of the I.N.A. at the holding and enquiry centres in India on Feb. 2 was 5,440. There were approximately 3.22 still held overseas. Of these 5,440 persons, 3,367 were in Jhingergacha, 1,579 in Multan, 127 in Delhi cantonment, 82 in the Red Fort 31 in Bairagarh and 254 in hospitals. As already stated about 11,000 had been interrogated of whom all had been released unconditionally excepting for 28 convicted.

The only important associates of Mr. Subhas Bose, whose present whereabouts were unknown were Messrs. Deb Nath and A. N. Sarkar, said the Home Member in reply to Mr. Mohanlal Saxena.

R. I. A. F. STRIKE

In a written reply to Dewan Chaman Lal's question, the War Secretary stated that the number of R.I.A.F. men involved in the recent strike was approximately 5,200.

The first incident, Mr. Mason added occurred at Drigh Road, Karachi, on January 20. Since then a series of other incidents had occurred. The main complaints related to pay and allowances, demobilisation, accommodation, working hours, rations, travelling facilities, canteens and hospitals. In regard to pay and allowances, Government had already announced the appointment of a Pay Committee which was now examining the question of the post-war rates of pay for all the three services.

"I would add a word of warning" said Mr. Mason. "The means taken by these men of bringing their wishes to notice was quite unjustifiable, and indiscipline of this nature will not be permitted to continue. If it persists, it will be necessary to take serious disciplinary action."

I.N.A. MEN HANGED

The War Secretary in reply to Prof. Ranga made a statement on the nine I.N.A. men hanged. These were: Sepoys Cattar Singh and Nazir Singh. When fighting for the enemy, they were members of a party which was responsible for capturing five of our soldiers and handing them over to the Japanese. Both were later captured while bearing arms against us Havildar Darga Mal was captured when bearing arms against our forces.

Sepoy Lance Naik Hazara Singh when captured was carrying subversive Japanese literature Fitter Sardar Singh took part in an enemy raid on one of our camps and later infiltrated to our lines with subversive intent where he was arrested after suspicion had been aroused as to his identity.

Jemadar Keshri Chand Sharma and Jem Dalbahadur Thapar were captured when leading an armed patrol against our forces. Naik Nagindar Singh deserted while his battalion was fighting a rearguard action and rejoined the battalion later only to desert a second time, taking two others with him to the Japanese. He was finally arrested when attempting to infiltrate with a large sum of Japanese-made Indian currency. He was given the benefit of the doubt on the charge of waging war.

DESERTION TO ENEMY

Lance Naik Charan Singh deserted to the enemy while his battalion was fighting a rearguard action, concealed his identity when arrested later during an attempt to infiltrate to our lines.

The normal procedure, Mr. Mason added, was that the body of a judicially executed person was disposed of by the authorities of the jail where the execution took place according to the religious rights of the executed person. If, however the relatives of an executed person wished to remove the body for disposal, permission to do so was normally granted. There was no reason to believe that any other procedure was followed in these cases.

The accused while under trial were allowed to write to their relatives. The relatives were permitted to visit them before the execution, if they so desired. It was not known how many of them took this opportunity.

DECIMAL COINAGE FOR INDIA

Bill Before Central Assembly

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): Decimal system of coinage is proposed for India in a bill which the Finance Member, Sir Archibald Rowlands, introduced in the Assembly to-day.

The rupee, half and quarter rupee would under the bill be equivalent to 100 cents, 50 cents and 25 cents respectively.

During the transition period both the anna and the cent coins will circulate side by side and prices might be quoted in terms of either. As it is not proposed to issue cent coins of a smaller denomination than a half cent, the bill provides for conversions involving smaller fractions, to be made in rupees at the nearest half cent, and where the amount involved is a quarter cent to the nearest half cent below.

The existing series of small coins below four annas, which were introduced as a war-time expedient, have proved unsatisfactory and unpopular and the large recoinage programme which their reversion to the pre-war standards entails, offers a unique opportunity for introducing a decimal system, says the Statement of Objects and Reasons.

ASAF ALI DEMANDS POSTPONEMENT.

Mr. H. Weightman, External Affairs Secretary, moved for the election of eight non-official members to serve on the Standing Committee to advise the External Affairs Department on subjects pertaining to British Baluchistan and the trial areas.

Mr. Asaf Ali Deputy Leader of the Congress Party, said that the scope of the Committee appeared to be very restricted, because the Department's activities covered some parts of the Middle East and Arabia. He suggested the postponement of the election of the Committee pending an agreement between Government and the Opposition on its scope.

"After all", said Mr. Asaf Ali, "sooner or later we have got to take over these Departments. Why should we not be allowed now to look into the working of the External Affairs Department".

Seth Yousuf Haroon (Muslim League) supported Mr. Asaf Ali.

Mr. Weightman said that the form of the motion was based on the recommendations of the Select Committee of the House, of which Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan were members.

At the suggestion of the President, Mr. Weightman agreed to postponement of further consideration of the motion.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

TWO ADJOURNMENTS PULED OUT.

The President ruled out an adjournment motion tabled by Mr. S. S. Sanyal to discuss the Government of India's policy in refusing to repatriate for trial in India those Indians who were being tried in Malaya.

The President also ruled out an adjournment motion tabled by Mr. Frank Anthony to discuss the "failure of the Government to take timely and sufficiently stern measures to protect the public in the recent Calcutta disturbances with the result that women were insulted and places of worship burned."

POSITION HIGHLY CRITICAL IN EGYPT

People Determined: Not One Foreign Soldier On Our Soil

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 17: Messages from London newspapers from their correspondents from Cairo indicate the existence of highly critical situation in Egypt. Particularly, the remarkably outspoken blunt despatch appears in "News of World" from Richard Wyndham from Cairo. He says that there is nothing more misleading than the suggestion that the troubles in Egypt largely came from Cairo politics played by Palace Wafdist Party and the British-Embassy. Unquestionably, the position at the moment is highly critical, Wyndham would say, far more critical than any similar situation after World War. Wyndham says that the British should realize time is past when Britain could solve her difficulties by forcing into power Ministers favourable to her views. Every Egyptian, no matter his class or creed, agreed on one point—"not one foreign soldier on the Egyptian soil!" This is not mere party slogan, it is backed by a wave of national aspiration. No matter what the military difficulties may be, Britain must take immediate practical steps to start evacuating her troops. Unless this is done, Britain can face only alternative, namely maintain her position by force of arms.

KOLHAPUR, Feb. 17. (A.P.I.): Majority of the Shahupuri merchants have suspended their business from to-day. This decision was taken at a meeting of the Shahupuri Merchants' Association held on 15th February to consider the notification of the Market Committee that no jaggery and groundnut business should be done without taking necessary licenses.

PALESTINE INQUIRY

Secretary-General Of Arab League Invited To Meet Commission In Cairo

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (Reuter): Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, Secretary-General of the Arab League, has been invited to meet the British-United States Commission on Palestine in Cairo next month, it is stated to-day.

The League will present the Commission with a report based on statements from various Arab States.

PALESTINE COMMISSION IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Feb. 17 (Reuter): The British-United States Commission on Palestine consisting of 22 members arrived here from Berlin and Prague to-day.

During the next few days the Commission will hear reports of the Jewish Community Council of Vienna on 4,000 Jews now living in the Austrian Capital.

U. S. TRIBESMEN AGAINST PROPOSED LOAN TO BRITAIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (Reuter): There has been much written and vocal opposition in the United States to the proposed £1,100,000,000 loan to Britain but perhaps the strangest objection yet heard comes from two tribes of Indians who want their claim for 1,637,300 Dollars (about £409,000) paid before the United States Congress approves the loan.

The Pottawatomie and the Ottawa tribes claim Britain still owes them that money for a deal way back in 1805 and their representative Frank Tom-Pee-Saw, has been bombarding Congressmen and senators with literature written and otherwise demanding payment before Britain receives the Iban. Tom-Pee-Saw has even gone so far as to suggest a legal atachment on any loan to Britain to assure his tribesmen of payment.

Tom-Pee-Saw's claim, and he says that it is the claim of the Legislative Council, League of North American Indians, is that in 1805 the President of the United States gave a British land company permission to buy by treaty 2 million and a half acres of land owned by the tribes along the south shore of lake erie. The consideration, he continues, was to amount to 24,000 Dollars (about £6,000) annually in money and useful goods for a period of twelve years. In addition the tribesmen were to receive annuities of 175 dollars (about £43). Tom-Pee-Saw says his Indian ancestors never got any part of the money and he thinks it is high time the debt was paid.

INDEPENDENCE OF SARAWAK

KUCHING, (Sarawak), Feb. 17 (Reuter): A clear-cut demand that no change be made in the present status of Sarawak as an Independent State has been made by the Malay National Union of Sarawak at a special meeting held in the capital to discuss the proposed cession of the State to Britain.

A proposal was made to send a message to the British Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. George Hall, pointing out that the people had not been consulted on the question of cession and demanding continuance of the Treaty of 1888 between Britain and Sarawak by which the former undertook not to interfere in the internal administration of the country.

It was also proposed to inform the Secretary of State that the people of Sarawak desired continuance of the existing constitution introduced five years ago transferring power to two nominated bodies, Legislative and Executive.

CONGRESS SECURES ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN FRONTIER

PESHAWAR, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): Sardar Ram Singh (Congress) has been declared elected to the Frontier Legislative Assembly from the Southern Districts Sikh Constituency defeating Sardar Ajit Singh (Akali) ex-P.W.D. Minister.

The following is the final party position in a House of 50.

Congress	**30**
Muslim League	**17**
Nationalist Muslims	**2**
Akali	**1**

CONGRESS M.L.A. TO MEET

PESHAWAR, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): The "United Press of India" learns reliably that an emergent meeting of the newly elected members of the Congress Parliamentary Party in the Frontier Province will be held under the presidentship of Mehrchand Khanna, Secretary of the Party.

Intimation to this effect has been given to all the Congress M.L.A.'s by the Secretary.

Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan has been specially requested to participate in the discussions of the Parliamentary Party.

Nawabzada Allah Nawaz Khan and Hardar Azadjan, the two successful Jamiat-ul-Ulema candidates who were former members of the Congress Parliamentary Party and voted with the Congress in the no-confidence motion tabled against the League Ministry during the last March session of the Assembly, have also been invited to attend the meeting.

LATEST PARTY POSITION IN PUNJAB

LAHORE, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): The results of fourteen more Constituencies of the Punjab Assembly have been announced. Of these seven have been won by the Muslim League, four by the Congress and three by the Unionist Party.

The Unionist Planning Minister, Maj. Ashiq Hussain has been elected by a majority of 756 Multan after a keen contest with the Muslim League. Three Sikhs have been returned on the Congress ticket from Ludhiana district defeating the Panthic (Akali) candidates. Four sitting Unionists have lost their seats.

The following is the latest party position:

Congress	**16**
Muslim League	**14**
Unionist Party (with Khizar Hyat two seats).	**10** occupying
European	**1**
Anglo-Indian	**1**
Independent Sikh	**1**
Total	**43**

Rai Mohammad Iqbal (Muslim League) has been declared elected from Ludhiana Rural Muhammadan Constituency. The following is the result:

Rai Mohammad Iqbal (Muslim League) 8,927 votes.

Mohammod Shafi (Unionist) 2,707.

Zia-ul-Hussan (Congress) 1,451.

Mohd Romzan (Independent) 4.

The Congress and the Independent candidates forfeit their securities.

LEAGUER BEATS UNIONIST

Mr. M. Khan (Muslim League) has been declared elected from the Montgomery Mohammadan Constituency defeating the sitting Unionist member, M. Fateh Khan and an Independent, according to information received in Lahore.

UNIONIST MINISTER BEATS LEAGUERS

Major Ashiq Hussain, Minister of Planning in the present Unionist Ministry, has been declared elected to the Punjab Assembly from Multan Constituency defeating the Muslim League candidate and two Independents, according to an official report received in Lahore.

UNIONIST ELECTED

Mr. Mohnfblingh (Unionist) has been declared elected from North-West Gurgaon defeating Mr. Gajraj Singh (Congress) by a majority of 231 votes.

Major Ashiq Hussain (Unionist, Minister of Planning, who has been declared elected from Multan secured 7,415 votes while the rival Muslim League candidate Mohd Akram Khan polled 6,759.

CONGRESS BAGS THREE SEATS

Three more Congress candidates namely Sardar Kapur Singh (sitting member), S. Bachansingh and S. Keharsingh have been declared elected from the Ludhiana East Sikh Constituency, Ludhiana Central Sikh Constituency and Jagraon Sikh Constituency respectively, according to official information received here.

Choudhry Sahib Ram (Congress) sitting member, has been declared elected from the Hissar North Constituency defeating Choudhri Ramlal (Unionist) and Choudhri Ramjilal (Independent). The following are the results:

Choudhri Sahib Ram (Congress) 7,939

Choudhri Ramjilal (Independent) 4,403.

Choudhri Ramlal (Unionist) 1,586.

The Unionist candidate has forfeited his security.

MUSLIM LEAGUE SUCCESSES

MONTGOMERY, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): Vana Badul Hameed Khan and Sayed Ashiq Hassan, Muslim League candidates were declared elected from Pakpattan and Dipalpur Constituencies securing 8,353 and 6,882 votes respectively defeating the Unionist candidates Mian Mohamed and K. B. M. Muhammad who got 4,867 and 3,191 votes respectively.

CONGRESSMAN BAGS SEAT

MADRAS, Feb. 18. (A.P.I.): Mr. Thyagu Voikkar, Congress candidate, has come out successful in the Mannargudi-Thiruturaipundi Constituency Panel election for the Harijan seat, states a message received from the Tamilnad Congress Committee office.

KARNATAKI MUSIC FESTIVAL

Under the auspices of Krishna Gana Sabha, G. N. Balasubramaniam gave the third of the Anniversary recitals on Sunday at Matunga. His rendering of 'Kamavardhini' was full of purple patches, the artiste attempting to break new grounds in stylisation. His 'Nyasa' in Kalyani, beautifully linking ornamental flourishes to the respective 'Swaras', and 'Vinyasa' in 'Kambodhi, staying on 'Swaras' in broad sweeps and graded curvatures spoke of his unique mastery of classic technique. With a grand style and full of ideas, G.N.B. was successful in new approaches and picturisation, wherein he was ably assisted by Rajamanikkam Pillai on violin and Palghat Mani on Mridangam. Mr. Pillai's finger-work on the strings and guts was brimming with melody and haunting airs, unravelling the beauty and versatality of Karnataki music. Palghat Mani regaled the audience with a panorama of 'gaths' and his play on 'Mridang' looked like 'Grand strategy' in music world. With mellowed finish, he showed a rare mastery of reproducing the very 'Swaras' on the percussion instrument and at times stole the thunder of the vocalist and violinist.

Dandapani Desigar

On Saturday, Dandapani Desigar gave the second of the anniversary recitals. His rendering of the Tamil songs with Classical finish was appreciated and the audience would have liked more of them. His programme also included many Thyagaraja Kirtans wherein he showed his new mastery over 'Swaras' in rendering them. He rendered a variety of 'ragas', though in main raga and Pallavi, he could have made a better showing. He was accompanied by Rajamanikkam Pillai and Mridangam Eswaran of Ramnad whose finished 'gath' and display of a variety of modulated strokes were much appreciated.

Veena Mani's Recital

The anniversary recitals started with the programme of Veena Mani of Madura. Though an youngster making his first appearance, his Veena recital proved a big hit. His rendering of the ragas and kirtans was of a high order and showed a rare mastery of technique. It was a grand treat in melody, wherein the artiste showed the possibilities of the instrument and his own potentialities. The Krishna Gana Sabha deserves to be congratulated on this find.

K. A. G.

THOUSAND NAVAL RATINGS ON STRIKE IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Monday.

About a thousand ratings of H. M. I. S. "Talwar" lying at Colaba have gone on strike from this morning. Among other things their demands are:

1. Release of all political prisoners including those of I.N.A. 2. Action against the Commanding Officer and Signal Boson Shead for ill-treatment and insulting language used against the crew. 3. Speedy demobilisation of R.I.N. personnel and resettlement in peace-time employment. 4. Revision of scale of pay, allowances and other facilities, including travelling as obtaining in the R.N. Also access to the canteen stores of the N.A.A.F.I. 5. Family and children allowances as in the R.N. 6. Best class of Indian food. 7. No refund of clothing kit at the time of discharge. 8. Better treatment from officers towards subordinates. 9. Withdrawal of Indian forces from Indonesia. 10. Indian officers are required as our superiors.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

Dockyard Signal Station ratings and Dockyard workshop ratings have started strike in sympathy with the "Talwar" ratings.

When the F.O.B. went to ask the strikers about their grievances the latter received him with "Jai Hind" cries and said that they were not prepared to give any sort of statement to him, but would do so only to their national leaders.

All cable communication between India and England and Colombo have been dislocated as a result of the strike.

ANTI-IMPERIALISM ORGANISATION

London Move To Set Up Link Between Indian And Colonial Movements And British M. P.'s

LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter): A two-day Conference on Imperialism, with particular reference to British Imperialism in India and the Far East and Africa is to be held on February 23 and 24 with a view to forming a British centre against Imperialism, cables Ronald G. Bedford, Reuter's correspondent.

Mr. Fenner Brockway, Political Secretary to the Independent Labour Party is one of the prime movers behind the project. Speakers already booked for the first session of the Conference at Denison Hall, dealing with British Imperialism in India and the Far East, are Mr. William G. Cove, Welsh Member of Parliament for Abaravon and Prof. N. Ganguloe, spokesman of Swaraj House, London and former Professor of Agriculture of the Calcutta University.

The Second session will deal with British Imperialism in Africa and the West Indies when the main speaker will be Mr. George Padmore of the Pan-American Federation, formerly the colonial representative of the Comintern.

Imperialism in the Near and Middle East is to be considered at the third session which starts on Sunday, Feb. 24. The Chairman will be Mr. R. W. G. Mackey, Member of Parliament for North-West Hull and the speaker will be Mr. Edward Atiyah, Secretary of the Arab Office in London.

PROMINENT BRITISHERS' SUPPORT

The final session will be devoted to anti-Imperialist struggle in its world-wide aspect and the meeting will be presided over by Flight Lt. John Haire, Member of Parliament for Wycombe, Buckinghamshire and the speaker will be Mr. Fenner Brockway.

Many prominent political personalities in Britain have subscribed to the aims of the proposed organisation and they include the following members of Parliament; Messrs. Michael Foot, Rhys Davies, Jack Kinley, Fred Longden Fred Messer, Wing Commander Millington, Joe Reeves and Victor Yates. Others include Lord Farringdon, Professor Harold Laski, Dame Sybil Thorndike and Mr. Haunen Swaffer.

In a letter outlining the aims of the conference Mr. Brockway says: "One of the objects of the centre will be to serve as a link between the Indian and Colonial Anti-Imperialist movements and British Members of Parliament and other public representatives who are prepared to support their demand for freedom."

I.N.A. Officer Removed To Hospital

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): Col. J. K. Bhonsle of the I.N.A. who is suffering from Dysentery has been removed to the hospital.

BOOK OF APPRECIATION OF NETAJI TO COME OUT SOON

WARDHA, Feb. 18 (U.P.I.): "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose", a book of critical study and appreciation of Subhas Bose will soon be edited and complied by Pandit Shriram Sharma former editor of the "Vishal Bharat", Calcutta.

Articles on Subhas Chandra Bose will be contributed for the book by foreigners also including Mr. Sorenson, Mr. H. N. Brailsford, the publicist, Miss Pearl Buck and Mr. De Valera.

The cover design of the book will be made by Mr. Nandlal Bose of Shantiniketan.

The book will be printed in English and Hindi. There will be two editions in English, one of handmade paper and cloth binding priced Rs. 35 and the other of ordinary paper priced Rs. 20. The book is expected to be out in two or three months.

Pandit Shriram Sharma met Gandhiji and had a short interview with him. He will meet the Mahatma and other members of the Congress Working Committee at Bardoli.

Mahatma To Meet Aga Khan At Poona

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Dr. K. T. Gajjar. Sardar Patel stayed with him for a long time. After 8 p. m. Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas called on Gandhiji. Gandhiji held his usual evening prayers at Rungta House. He spoke twice, once before and once after the prayers. The speech before was brief and was merely an exhortation for discipline. The speech at the end of the prayers contained references to the political situation and the impending food-shortage.

It was noted Gandhiji looked healthy and his voice fuller and more vigorous than it had been during his many visits to Bombay since his release in May, 1944.

HOW TO KEEP QUIET

Speaking before prayer at Rungta House on Monday Mahatma Gandhi asked the people not to make noise. "Don't even say 'keep quiet.' Just make a show with your hands", he said. He had come from places where audiences ten times as large used to attend his prayers. They also shouted slogans, but most of them kept absolutely quiet, even though they did not understand Hindustani. In Bombay the people could follow what he said. If they kept absolutely quiet he wanted to tell them something at the end of his prayer. He had begun his silence earlier the previous day, had kept it for 24 hours and had broken it earlier on Monday so as to be able to speak to them. He had also given enough autographs during the day and he did not propose to give any more.

AFTER PRAYERS

Speaking at the end of the prayers Mahatma Gandhi referred to the audience keeping time with their hands with the "Ramdhun", but he thought they did not do it correctly. He could see some children beating their hands but they were not doing it the right way. Mothers should teach them. In a great city like Bombay people went to music masters and learnt to sing. In his opinion every child should be taught to keep time with 'Bhajan.' It would introduce some sweetness in life. He had also found some people laughing. He liked laughter. He wanted people to laugh even when they were being led to the gallows. But a man must know when to smile. They might have some slight difficulty in lifting up their hands and keeping 'tal' but they must learn this much. At least when 'Ramdhun' was sung they should follow it in perfect unison. The meaning of this discipline was that they should invoke the name of God Rama and through their lips, their hands and through every limb they should try to enthrone Him in their hearts. But he wanted them to follow his advice in sincerity. If they did not agree with him they should not do it. They should not be hypocritical about it.

FOOD ISSUE.

Turning to the food shortage Gandhiji said that very difficult times were ahead. If they wished to blame the Government they could do so as much as they liked. He would join with the people in criticising the Government. If the Government was of India and for the service of the Indian people the story might have been different. British and American troops had come here to fight Japan and Germany. What he told them in 1942 and what he would repeat now was that they should have considered the service of India as their prime consideration.

The present position was that there was not-as-much cloth in India as the people needed. It seemed that there was not enough cotton. This was very strange.

India was a land of gold. Its natural resources were very great. It had huge mountains and vast rivers. But the waters of the rivers were running waste, and were being emptied into the sea. It was a part of their human duty to harness the water resources of the country for the country's welfare.

There was no use looking only to the mills for supply. Every village home was a small, potential mill. If there were a Charkha in each home even the women and children could spin. He was telling this primarily to Government but also to the people. In this country there should never be any shortage of grain or cloth. But the fact of the shortage was there. The Government had said so. He had toured extensively in Bengal, Assam, Madras and Andhra. He had heard the same story everywhere. He had seen starvation in the eyes of the people. And the question was what should be done? Should they sit gazing at the sky waiting for four months for the rains to come. There was water not only in the sky above but also down below under the earth. It was the duty of the Government and of the engineers to go deep into the bowels of the earth, to dig thousands of feet if necessary and find water. They should also build dams across rivers.

ECONOMISE.

It was their duty, the duty of everyone of them to do whatever was possible. Even the ordinary citizen could do his bit. Every man woman and child must play their part in economising. They should put in the greatest effort to see that not a grain more than was absolutely necessary was used. The people of Bombay alone could save a lot of grain. This grain he would like to give to the poor of the country. He did not like the idea of giving it to them as charity. He did not want to make them beggars. He did not like that anybody should beg. But he would give them some work and let them earn the grain.

READ "HARIJAN".

In this connection Gandhiji also referred to the restarting of the "Harijan". He was expressing his opinions in the "Harijan" from week to week. He was dying for it, in the sense that he was devoting a lot of time to it. Nothing was written there just to please people. Much less was anything written to mislead them. Everything was written for their benefit, and they should read it.

Continuing he said, they should never be afraid of Government. They were being told Swaraj was coming. He wanted to tell them that it would come whenever they wanted it.

REACTION TO CALCUTTA HAPPENINGS.

He referred to the statement made by the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Asad which had appeared in the morning papers and said that the events which had taken place in Calcutta, Bombay and elsewhere were to be greatly regretted. He wanted to emphasise that the people should stick to the path of peace. What was the good of throwing stones at the British? They could not move the Government by throwing stones at them. Freedom could only be achieved through truth and non-violence and any action which constituted a departure from this principle was to be regretted.

He did not want to say anything about the blunder of the Government either in Calcutta or in Bombay. God would know the wrong doers. What he wanted to say was that one wrong could not be remedied by another. It was quite clear that they could not achieve freedom except through truth and non-violence. Even the members of the I. N. A. like Capt. Sha Nawaz had stressed the same point. They had stated that Na-aji taught them the same thing. He had told them that in India they should pursue the path of non-violence. They were not preaching the use of the sword. For his part he liked courage, but he had no use for the courage of the sword. The Swaraj of his conception could only be got through truth and non-violence which every man, woman and child must learn to practise.

Civil War In Manchuria!

LONDON, Feb. 17, (Reuter): Chinese communists in Chungking have announced that civil war in Manchuria began again on February 8, reports New York Radio.

RENWICK HADDOW DEAD

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18 (API): Sir Renwick Haddow, President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and senior partner of Messrs. Mackinnon Mackenzie and Co., died this morning after a brief illness.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, Feb 18.

Reports of earnings of Ashok Saraspur and New Cotton of Kasturbhai group were the main centre of activities in local stock exchange today. Ashok made earnings of 35 lakh Rs. this year against earnings of 48 lakhs Rs. last year. Saraspur earned 24.1/2 lakh Rs. against 42 lakh last year. Same dividends of last year are maintained.

The meeting of New Cotton is being held to-day and its earnings are estimated at about 8 lakh Rs. against 18 lakh Rs. last year in well informed circles. On different inter-pretation about earnings fluctuations were erratic and heavy in Arvind. Meeting of Arvind will be held to-morrow and there was bear covering coupled with renewed buying in Arvind on gossipe earnings in Arvind will not be so low as. Fluctuations in Calico and Differed were narrow. In textiles though panjoky conditions are absent yet certain amount of hesitancy is evident. In Steel operators are keenly awaiting railway budget and any big railway construction programme if announced may give strength to bulls.

Closing quotations:—Calico 1395, Arvind 1955, Ambika 463, Differed 2839, Jupiter 360, Wardon 190 Monogram 160, Aryodaya Spinning 377/8, Ashok 625, Anil Starch 400, Mahalaxmi 1,840 Morries 121, Lal Mill 385, New National 432/8, Old Commercial 525, New Cotton 500, Raipur 1680.

Following shares are given in delivery at and week end Calico 189, Ambika 96 Arvind 228, Differed 14, Saraspur 150, Maradon 26, Monograms 41, Jupiter 15, Ordinary 5.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18.

The Calcutta Stock Exchange to-day ruled steady and active in all sections, with fair business at firm rates. Following are to-day's final transactions up to 4 p.m.:—

GOVT. SECURITIES: 3 per cent Loan 1963/65 101/10, 3-1/2 per cent Government Paper 103/7, 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 113/14.

BANKS: Imperial Contry 600, Reserve 158, United Commercial 92.

COTTONS: Howrah 804, Dunbar 491, Elgin 77, Muir 525, New Victoria Ordy. 87/1.

COALS: Bengal 819, Burrakur 47/6, Equitable 77/8, East Indian 44/14, Maneegunge 55/6.

JUTES: Alliance 830, Anglo India 614, Barnagore 452, Champdany 335, Empire 72, Howrah 123, India 944, Kamarhatty 962, Kanknarrah 794, Kinnison 525, Presidency 1/11, Wellance 106/6.

MININGS: Burma Corpn 5, Ind. Copper Corpn. 4/15.

ENGINEERINGS: Burn and Co. 531, Ind. Iron and Steel Ord. 56/2, Steel Corpn. of Bengal Ord. 46/11.

MISCELLANEOUS: A. B. Cement 24/11, Dalmia Cement 17/10, Calcutta Electric 40/2, Calcutta Trams 45/2, B. B. Petrol 6/6, Titaghur Paper 45/10.

SUGARS: Belsund 15/12, Buland 38/12, Carew 33/3, Raza 41, Ramnugger Cane 27/9.

TEAS: Bishnauth 47/12, Central Cachar 153/8, Dufflaghur 38.—A. P.

Karachi Cotton

KARACHI, Feb. 18.

Cotton ready Sind Desi 39/13, Punjab Desi 29/5, Sind NT 59/10, Four F. 50/2, March 49/4/6, May 49/14/6. Market was firmly held with fluctuation being narrow. March highest touched 49/7/6. Ready business 2590. Arrivals 1723, Exports 2000 bales, all for Liverpool. Local stock estimated 270,000 bales of which 204 000 with exporters, Silver Tuesday delivery 145/11, Gold Vaida 90/2, closed easy.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors dol. 79.

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 51.

United States Steel Common dol. 94.3/4.

United States Steel Preference dol. 165.—Reuter.

COMFORT FOR 3RD CLASS TRAVEL

Railway Member's Promise And Warning

TRAFFIC RECEIPTS REACH NEW PEAK FIGURE

20 Crore Programme For Open Line Rehabilitation Works

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18, (A.P.A.): A fall of Rs. 48 crores in gross railway traffic receipts during the year 1946-47 was predicted by the War Transport Member today in the Central Legislative Assembly.

PEAK TRAFFIC RECEIPTS

Sir Edward Benthall, presenting the first Victory Railway Budget, "the precursor of a series of more difficult post-war budgets," said the total traffic receipts for the current year 1945-46 were expected to reach the peak figure of 225 crores.

The War Transport Member said the estimated traffic receipts for 1946-47 were Rs. 177 crores, a decrease of Rs. 48 crores from the revised estimates of 1945-46. He said the fall would be due to "the apprehended decrease in military and parcels traffic."

WORKING EXPENSES

Estimated working expenses for the coming year are Rs. 125 crores and 73 lakhs which is less than for this year by Rs. 43 crores and 57 lakhs.

Sir Edward said the decrease in the gross total receipts next year would result in a reduction of this year's net surplus to Rs. 32 crores to 12 crores.

A surprise for Inter and Third Class passengers, contained in the budget report of the War Transport Member, is that sleeping accommodation as such will be introduced in new types of coaches whose approved layouts contemplate transverse seating sectionalised to give greater privacy for both these classes. Adequate knee room and a degree of seating comfort will be provided which will be "beyond anything offered in the past" in these classes.

BETTERMENT FUND

The War Transport Member announced also the inauguration of a Betterment Fund for financing unremunerative improvements and amenities both for the public and the staff. A sum of Rs. 12 crores will be transferred to this fund from the Railway Reserve Fund, and another sum of three crores from the net revenue of 1946-47.

Sir Edward said that appropriations and expenditures from the Betterment Fund would be subject to the vote of the Legislature.

A lump sum of Rs. 2 crores will be provided this year for a start of constructing new lines and relaying lines dismantled during the war, he said. He added that the Railways will spend Rs. 20 crores on a "heavy programme of open line rehabilitation works."

The general revenue of the Government of India will receive Rs 7 crores and 36 lakhs in 1946-47 as against Rs. 32 crores in 1945-46, Sir Edward declared.

PRIORITIES & CONTROLS

The War Transport Member said the stringency on the Railways is "likely to remain for some months to come and a system of priority movement control will be maintained for the time being, but in a decreasing degree."

Sir Edward said that the figures of likely discharges from the Railways publicised so far "had no relation to fact." He promised that as long as there is no material reduction in the cost of living, wartime dearness allowances to the staff would not be reduced.

FINANCIAL POSITION

In conclusion Sir Edward said that financially the position of the Railways "is far sounder than it has been at any stage in the history of the Railways," but he warned that the "one great potential danger" was the wartime legacy of a high level of operating costs and of post-war commitments for amenities together with a level of rates and fares out of tune with the general level of prices."

Other points from his 19-page printed speech were:

First Class Railways have carried an average of 8 1/2 crores of passengers per month during the current year, exclusive of those moved in military specials.

No fewer than 1366 broad guage and 416 metre gauge coaches are still with the military.

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS

The number of passengers per lavatory will be further reduced and some small compartments will be retained for women and for reservation. Water supply will be made available in both compartments and avaabics. Lighting will be improved and fans provided in Inter Class compartments.

The Railways will receive before the end of the financial year 6 000 wagons from Canada and 3.800 from the United Kingdom. When they are received the Railways will have 8.541 engines and 239.000 wagons in all as against 7279 engines and 193.805 wagons before the war.

WORK ON NEW LINES

Work is being put in hand on such sections of the 3.000 miles of proposed new lines as require no further survey.

The Railway Board is considering the establishment of a Research Branch. A sum of Rs. 3 crores and 48 lakhs has been included in next year's budget for investment in Road-Rail.

A net revenue of Rs. 14 lakhs is expected by the Railways in 1946-47 from miscellaneous transactions.

The Railways will in 1946-47 make a saving of Rs. 1 crore and 56 lakhs under Defence of India units and Rs. 1 crore and 63 lakhs under loss on grain shops for the staff.

No estimates of the expenditure from the Betterment Fund of Rs. 15 crores has been included in the budget owing to lack of time after the decision to establish the fund was made, the report said.

The Railway Depreciation Fund will stand at Rs. 100 crores 61 lakhs on March 31 this year and at Rs. 98 crores 83 lakhs on March 31 next year.

REVISED SYSTEM OF RATING

The War Transport Member hopes before long to produce a revised system of rating which will eliminate the shortcomings of previous practice in unhealthy competition between Railways which produced uneconomic and complicated rating and routing. he asserted. to reduce very drastically the difference between railway risk and owners risk rates. and to eliminate anomalies and simplify procedure to the greatest possible extent.

KNOTTY PROBLEMS

Speaking on the Budget, Sir Edward said: (API) "In the course of the next year or two", said Sir Edward, "Government will probably have to consider several very serious problems in connection with Railway Finances, among them the basis of the Depreciation Fund and the revision of the Convention, all of which will require the careful study of Committees of this House. But even more important, Government and the House may well have to give serious consideration to the linked problems of the levels of rates and fares, the price of coal and the level of wages. These are knotty problems which have to be faced courageously and with a broad outlook, if our post-war plans are to be brought to fruition. for once our budget becomes unbalanced and our reserves are eaten up —and under unwise management —it will not be an easy matter to rebuild them or to find the money for extensions, improvements, staff benefits and amenities to passengers."

A WARNING

Sir Edward added: "If expenses are not to be unduly cut,—which would be against the expansionist policy of Government—the need to increase rates and fares in the future may have to be seriously faced. and, in this connection. I would recall that Railway Executives in the United Kingdom and elsewhere contemplate, I believe, that to meet similar conditions an increase of 20 or 25 per cent may be necessary.

Happily it is not necessary in India this year and, if traffic is maintained or expands, may never become necessary; but I should have failed in my duty if I had not put the contingency squarely before the House."

8,800 TO BE JOBLESS

Giving figures of discharges of staff. Sir Edward said that only 8,800 out of a total labour strength of over 850,000 had had to be discharged, many of whom were occupied on purely war work which had been closed down. Some 8,000 surplus men had been absorbed as a result of a variety of means adopted to avoid retrenchment on a large scale.

Summing up, Sir Edward said: "India has in her railways a very valuable asset which has been maintained without disastrous loss of efficiency owing to war usage and which is in many ways much better equipped technically than before the war. Rehabilitation is in hand and resources exist to effect it without undue strain.

POTENTIAL DANGER

"Financially the position is far sounder than it has been at any stage in the history of the railways; its strength has been increased by the policy followed in the war and bears no relation to the situation revealed after the last war. Lower class travel has not been comfortable in the past because the main consideration has been the provision of cheap travel to India's impoverished masses. but improved coaching stock and other amenities together with properly co-ordinated road services should better the conditions of travel in future. The railways should soon be able to meet the demand for good traffic and will expand to meet further industrial and agricultural production.

The one great potential danger which has to be faced is the wartime legacy of a high level of operating cost and of post-war commitments for amenities, together with a level of rates and fares out of tune with the general level of prices. Forwarned is forearmed. India has a great asset which must be carefully nursed and firmly administered."

BATTLE FOR THE THRONE

Crucial Issue In Belgian Elections: Spaak Sees No Hope For Leopold

BRUSSELS, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—"Expectations of considerable Communist gains and of a close fight between the two main parties—Right Wing Christian Socialists (Catholics) and the Socialists—are confirmed by results known so far of yesterday's Belgian General Elections on which hinges the future of the King of the Belgians. Leopold III now living in Switzerland, reports Reuter's correspondent Patrick Crosse.

It is expected that if a decisive Left-Wing majority results from the election, King Leopold will probably have to relinquish the throne.

The Socialists are leading the Catholics in Brussels, former strong-point of the Right-Wing Party, while in Antwerp, Belgium's second largest city, the position is the reverse.

A feature of the early returns is virtual obliteration of the only new party to contest the elections—the Belgian Democratic Union Centre Group whose closest parallel abroad is the French MRP (Progressive Catholic Left) Party.

In the stronghold of the predominantly industrial province of Hainaut, the Socialists are well in the lead today while the Christian Socialists have scored in the traditionally Conservative Flemish Provinces.

They have also won a decisive victory in the border region of Eupen restored to Belgium when the Germans were driven back after it had been incorporated in the Greater Reich for four years.

ACKER AND SPAAK ELECTED

The Socialist Prime Minister, M. A. Van Acker, who was closely pressed by Christian Socialist Opposition has already been returned in his Flemish Home town of Bruges.

President of UNO General Assembly, Dr. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgium's Socialist Foreign Minister and Deputy Premier, last night told crowds outside the Socialist Headquarters in Brussels: "The Communists and Socialists in the coalition will be within reach of an absolute majority."

The Christian Socialists are supporting the King. Other parties are opposing his return, but if the Christian Socialists win back a commanding number of seats, a compromise on the subject is not unlikely.

Yesterday's elections were for appointment of members of both Houses of the Belgian Parliament constituencies being represented by a number of Representatives and Senators in proportion to the population.

Under Belgian Law, all eligible citizens are compelled to vote. Franchise has not yet been extended to women. but 5.300 women—wives or mothers of war dead or former political prisoners —were given special permission to vote yesterday.

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Calcutta Normal

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18, (A.P.I.): Military patrols and pickets which were put on duty on February 12 in Calcutta during last week's disturbances have now been withdrawn. The Police Commissioner's order prohibiting processions assemblies, however continues.

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Burma War Crimes Trial

LONDON, Feb. 17, (Reuter): It is reported from S.E.A.C. that the stage is set for Burma War Crimes Trials at the Civil Hall, Rangoon—The first in a series of Japanese war criminals to be tried by Burma Command Number Four Military Courts. In the dock will be Major Ichikawa and Thirteen Japanese soldiers of Lieutenant General Tanaka's Thirty-third Division who are accused of total slaughter in July 1944 of 600 inhabitants men, women and children of the Indian village of Kalagan ten miles east of Moulmein.

It is considered that the trials will last several months to take evidence of murdered and tortured American fliers in Burma.

Need For New Transport Board

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17 (A.P.I.): Resolutions urging the Government of India to form an All-India Transport Board fully representing the road interests through the Motor Operators' Union was passed at the two-day session of the Delhi U.P. Motor Operators' Conference which concluded here to-day. Sardar Mangal Singh M.L.A. (Central) presided.

Resolutions demanding the withdrawal of recent restrictions imposed on the operators of public carriers in U. P. and provisions of facilities for floating new Limited Companies were passed.

RESHUFFLE IN LABOUR GOVT. EXPECTED

Easing Of Stringent Condition Still Remains The Toughest Job

LONDON, 3, Feb. 17, (Reuter): Speculation credits the British Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee with the intention of making some early changes in his Government, cables Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent.

It may well be that after six months of power the Labour administration has found its feet sufficiently, to review portfolios all of which, Mr. Attlee warned the Ministers when he took office. would be subject to change as and when needs dictated.

Political quarters believe that if Mr. Attlee decides upon a Government reshuffle it will be mainly at lower levels. On all Labour Cabinet hierarchy, it is expected, will be sustained in the rank even if there are one or two switches.

Two of the toughest job facing the Government are housing in the hands of Mr. Aneurin Bevan Left-Wing Leader of the Labour Party, and fuel, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell.

Mr. Bevan's job is tremendously difficult due to continued labour and material shortages. Mr. Shinwell has the dual task of reviving the British coal industry and nationalising mines.

Promise of nationalisation has not had the expected favourable psychological effect on the miners while the fuel position, on Mr. Shinwell's own admission, is almost desperate.

HAS DONE WELL

In a general sense, the labour world believes that the Government has done well during its first six months and, with less trouble than expected, has surmounted a number of very difficult hurdles such as demobilisation, rationing outcry and housing agitation.

On foreign policy the Government's stock is steadily fixing opposition at least as solidly behind the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, as Government back-benches.

In the domestic sphere the Trades Disputes' Act, which made a general strike illegal, is on its way to repeal. and civil aviation is in the process of being brought under public control.

Here the clamour of the opposition is considerable.

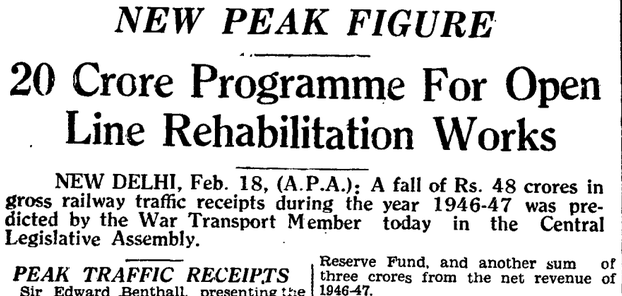
A coalition plan which the Labour Government inherited is nationalisation of empire telecommunications. and another inheritance to which Labour has made its own substantial contribution is the great scheme of national health insurance.

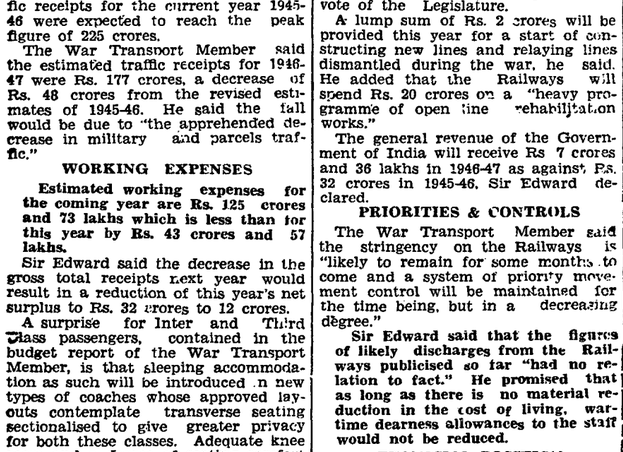
Covering rich and poor alike from the cradle to the grave, it starts to function in August and is expected by Government supporters to send its stocks soaring.

Immediate effects will be to provide five shillings a week for all British children after the eldest, and greatly increased pensions for elderly people widows.

Allied to this plan will be Government's universal free health service which Mr. Aneurin Bevan will introduce and which promises to cause an unparalleled storm in the British medical profession.

Basically, the biggest job of the Government is still to bring about with utmost speed some easing of the stringent conditions in which the British citizen is still living. Anything providing little more to eat and lowering the present ceiling prices of living will be the real key to the Government's success.





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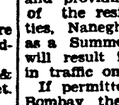

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"Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue of capital under Defence of India Rule 94A by an order of which a complete copy is open to public inspection at the head office of the company, subject to the condition that so much of the capital as cannot in that Government's judgment be properly expended until some uncertain future date is invested and kept invested in prescribed securities which will not be released until the Central Government (in consultation with the Crown Representative if any Indian State interests are involved), is satisfied that the time has come to make corresponding payments for purposes which are consistent with the enforcement of any measures of control or restriction that may be in operation at the time when such release is applied for. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them."

The Subscription List will open on the 20th day of February, 1946 and close on the 25th of February, 1946, or earlier as may be decided by the Directors of the Company.

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Out of the above issue:—1,200 Deferred shares of Rs. 25 each have to be allotted as fully paid-up to Messrs. Deccan Engineers, Ltd., Poona, in part payment of consideration for sale by them of the benefit under "The Naneghat Funicular Tramway Order, 1941" under the agreement of sale referred to below.

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(I) Scope & Prospects:—

The present scheme is intended to provide a new and direct road communication between Bombay and Deccan Plateau towards the east through Naneghat by building a Funicular Tramway for the Transport of road vehicles in the difficult ghat portion and by constructing or improving roads to connect the Funicular Tramway with the existing roads. Considering the Town of Junnar, the distance from Bombay along the existing route via Talegaon is 143 miles, while that along the new route will be only 97 miles. The new route will, therefore, be shorter by 46 miles. On the new route, there is no transhipment as the Funicular Tramway is capable of transporting bodily the Motor Lorries together with their loads. Moreover, the new route being much shorter, the transport of the vegetables and fruit to Bombay can be effected within 5 hours from the time they leave the farm, and therefore, they will be in a much better and fresher condition than is possible at present.

There are great possibilities of Naneghat (height 2,500 ft. above sea-level) becoming in the future a popular Summer Hill-Station. The climate at Naneghat is salubrious and in Summer it is quite cool on account of the unobstructed westerly breezes. Consequently it will be a fine resort for the Bombay Motorists for their week-end trips. With the provision of the Funicular Tramway, the communication would be very easy and convenient. The proposed storage reservoir has got ample capacity to provide the expected population of the Hill-Station with a copious water supply. The Company intends to carry out Town-planning for the Hill-Station by constructing roads, laying water-mains and providing electricity for the use of the residents. With these amenities, Naneghat will rapidly develop as a Summer Hill-Station and this will result in a substantial increase in traffic on the Funicular Tramway.

If permitted by the Government of Bombay, the Company intends to organise and work mortor-services for the conveyance of Passengers Goods and Parcels.

(II) Contracts:—

(a) It is proposed to enter into the following contracts:—

(1) Agreement between Messrs. Deccan Engineers, Ltd., and the Company appointing Messrs. Deccan Engineers, Ltd., as the Managing Agents of the Company for a term of 20 years on the terms as to remuneration and otherwise therein contained.

(2) Agreement between Messrs. Deccan Engineers, Ltd., and the Company for the purchase of the benefits under the "Naneghat Funicular Tramway Order 1941" at the price of Rs. 50 000 payable as therein mentioned, i.e.,

(i) Rs. 20 000 in cash

(ii) Rs. 30.000 by the issue and allotment as fully paid up 1,200 Deferred shares of Rs. 25 each.

(b) The following contract has been entered into:—The Underwriting agreement between the Company and Messrs. R. R. Nabar & Co:—

Messrs R. R. Nabar & Co., Share Stock & Finance Brokers, Bombay, have underwritten the entire present issue of 6,722 Ordinary and 3,112 Deferred shares of the total face value of Rs. 7,50,000.

Copies of the said Agreements and of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company may be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company at Poona.

(III) Application for Shares:—

Application for shares will be received by the Underwriters and Brokers on the basis of the Prospectus copies of which may be obtained at the Registered Office of the Company or at the Offices of the Company's Underwriters and Brokers.

Tata Steel Shares Reach New High Levels

DYEINGS AND NAGPURS ALSO LOOK UP

Cotton Market Rules Steady With Mixed Trading

Bombay, Feb. 18

Tata Steel Defd shares reached new high levels to-day on the Bombay Stock Exchange under active manipulation of professional operators. These shares are practically cornered and shorts find it difficult to deliver as professional Bulls are heavily long and have become virtual dictors. Under such a state it is impossible to express any opinion but the fact remains that when unloading starts, absence of short interest will result into heavy declines. The market being manipulated it will be advisable to have no speculative interest in Steel shares.

Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 2820 and after improving to Rs. 2825 reacted to Rs. 2816 but again firmed up to Rs. 2835. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 489 and improved to Rs. 491. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 2217 and advanced to Rs. 2232 while Kohinoors were neglected at Rs. 681.

Textile Shares

Bombay Dyeing 2222/8 Century 948/12 Nagpur 448 Swadeshi 702 New Great 443 Simplex 340 Kohinoor 684 Colaba 390 Gokak 340/8 Phoenix 780 Mysore 297/8 Indian Bleaching 205 Swan 390 Finlay 337 Morarji 750 Indore 750 Edward Sassoon 830.

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 492/8 Tata Steel Dfd 2842/8

ELECTRIC

Tata Hydro 217 Andhra 1860 Power 1977/8 Tram Ord 157/8.

CEMENT

Associated Meger 239/8.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 622/8 Alcock 461/4 Bellapur 249 Shivrajpur 59/8 Steamer Ord 672/8 Scindia 43/13 Construction 227.

CASH SECTION

Mills: Apollo 4/14 Elphinstone 90 I U Ord 17/13 Defd 3/8/6 Indian Mfg. 3810 Kurla 320 Khatau 350 Dawn 1245 David 1295 New City 440 Minerva 261/4 Bradbury 420 Bharucha Dfds 15 Bharat 65/8 Madhavji 24 Model 275/10 Laxmi Cotton 1572/8 Vishnu Cotton 552/8 Western 3650 Standard 505 Sholapur 7115 Sassoon Cotton 25/4 Hindustan 3825 Meyer Sassoon 241/4 Tata Mills 79/8 Ahmd. Advance 465 Sassoon Silk 96 New Union 28/8 Poddar 360 Madhusudan 550 Shri Nivas 425 Raja Bahadur Poona 143/12 Berar 331/4.

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 228/12 New 170 Surat 257/8 Surat New Premium 132/8 Karachi 237/8 Broach 13/8 Ajmer 15 Amalgamated 20/8 Jalgaon 15/8 Nagpur 51 Poona 285 Bombay Suburban 232/8 New Premium 100.

BANKS

Reserve 156 Imperial 2395 P. P. XD 603/8 Central 109/8 India 234 Union 12/4 Baroda 166/8 Habib 87 International 62 A.B.C. 44 Dena Bank 67 United 91/8 Jaipur 71 Hindustan 55 National Savings F P 72 P P 41 Mysore 435 Exchange 56/8 Eastern 106.

INSURANCE

Oriental 6795 Empire 1262/8 New India 95/8 Jupiter 47/12 Vulcan 19/12 Indian Mercantile 71 Universal 16/4 Vasant 25/6/6 Br. I Gen. 28 Ind. Prud. 51/12 Neptune 11/2 New Great 31/8.

BAILWAYS

Ah. Prantij 711/4 C.P. 108/4 Mymensing Reb 116/4 Guaranteed 115 Mandra Bhon 112 Sara Sirajganj 116/4 Sialkot 117/8 New 54 Pachora 95 Hoshiarpur 117/8

MISCELLANEOUS

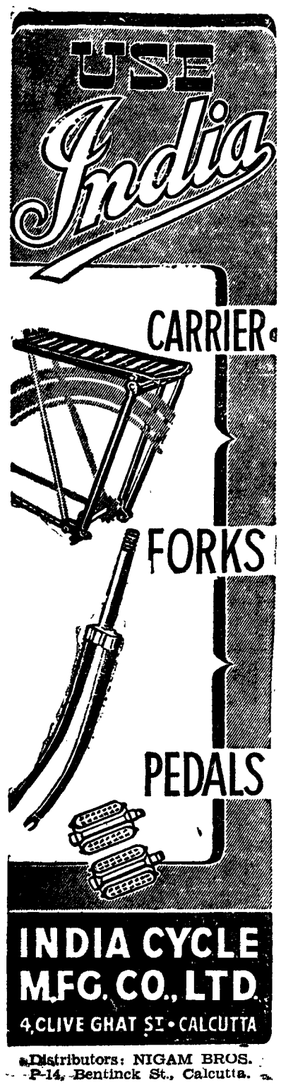
Burma New 216/14 Burma Petrol 4/2 Tata Oil 90/12 Mackenzie 174/6 Port Canning 110/8 Kemp 660 Zandu 215 Indian Hadio Ord 380 B 380 Dfds 375 Indian Investment Trust 126 Wimco 395 Tata Chemical 22/12 Dharamsi Chemical 37 Mukund Iron 14/7 Dena Trust 27 Alembic 361/4 Supreme Industries 230 Jam Wire 140 Bombay Uganda 84 Bombay Cycle 38/8 Indian Cement (1937) 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 752/8.

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st 132/8 Tata Steel Second 172/4 Tram 75 Andhra 1617/8 Tata Power 1735 Hydro 166/4 Bombay Steam 350 Nagpur 742/8 Vishnu 760 Laxmi 302/8 New Great 255 Poddar 117 Shri Nivas 101 Elphinstone 137/8 Bradbury 542/8 Surat Elec. 215 Premier Construction First 135 Premier Construction Second 135 Amalgamated 153/12 Tata Chemical 128/12 Walchandnagar Industries 550 Jupiter 18/10 Supreme 125/10.

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Iron Steel 55/2 Bengal Steel 46/12 Indian Copper 4/15 B. I. C. 6/10 Burma Corporation 8 New Victoria Mill 8/4 New Victoria Pref. 11 Raja Tex 66 Phalton 160 Gold Mohur 381/4 New Kaiser Hind 2450 Sajjan Mills 440 Osmanshahi 392/8 Ajamshahi 695.



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Gold & Silver Market Closed

The Bombay Bullion market remained closed in respect of death of a member of the Exchange.

BOMBAY COTTON

The cotton market was expected to open to-day at Rs. 453 for March delivery but the market opened at Rs. 452/8 and declined to Rs. 451/8.

This week the market has passed through the monthly tejimandi settlement which is likely to restrict any important enterprise. Speculative interest in March is also greatly reduced as the delivery time is also drawing near.

Later on there was renewed buying and March improved to Rs. 454/8 and steadied at Rs. 453/8.

The market ruled quiet with scattered selling and declined to Rs. 451/4. There was mixed trading and March steadied at Rs. 452/8. The market finally closed at 5.30 p.m. as under:—

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 18.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/13 4/14 4/13/6 4/14
Bharat 65/8
Bharucha 15
B Dyeing 2220 10 13/12 11/4 33/12 21/4 25/4 21/4 23/12 16/4 20 17/8 31/4 23/12 28/12 22/8
Central India (Ord) 438 40 38 41 39 49 47/8 49 45 49 46 50 47 48
Century 948/12
Colaba 385 80 90
Edward 830 25 30
Elphinstone (Ord) 90 89 90
Elphinstone (Prei) 137/8
Finlay 332 36 34 36 35 37
Gokak 336 35 42 40/8
India United (Defd) 3/8 3/8/6 3/8 3/8/6
India United (Ord) 17/14 17/10 17/13 17/11 17/13
Indore 745 51/4 50
Kohinoor 684 78/8 79/8 78 87 81 83 80/8 86 84 85 84
Luxmi 1580 72/8
Madhavji (Defd) 24
Mayer 237/8 42/8 41/4
Model 275/10
Morarjee 745 50
New Great 440 36 41 40 44 40 43
Podar 360
Sassoon Cotton 25/4
Srinivas 425/12 25
Simplex 331 32 31 34 31 35 34 36/8 34/8 39 37/8 40 39 40
Swadeshi 708 2 9 6 8 5 8 6 8 2
Swan 387 88 87 90
Tata Mills 80/8 81 79/8
Vishnu 552/8
Central Provinces Rly. 108/4

BANKS.

Baroda 167 66/8
Central 109/4 9/8
Exchange 54/8
Imperial (Old) 2395 2400 2390 95
Imperial (New) 601/14 3/12
India 234/8 34
International 54/8
National Savings 41
Reserve 156/8 56
Union 12/2 12/4
United Commercial 91/8

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 230/10 28/12
Andhra Valley (Old) 1860 62/8 60
Tram (Ord) 157/4 57/12 57/8
Tram (Pref) 73/12 73/4 73/8 (Ex. Div)
Hydro (Ord) 217/8 17
Karachi 237/8
Surat 257/8
Power (Ord) 1980 82/8 77/8

INSURANCE.

British India 28
Empire 1252/8
Mercantile 71
Jupiter 47/12
New India 95/8 96 95/4 95/8
Vulcan 20 22/2 19/12
Scindia 43/14 44/2 43/3 43/12 43/6 43/14 43/13
Bengal Steel (Ord) 45/8 45/6 46/12
Indian Iron 54/12 54/14 54/10 54/14 54/12 55/2 55/1 55/3
Tata Steel (Defd) 2825 17/8 30 17/8 22/8 15 40 30 32/8 25 33/12 25 30 25 37/8 32/8 42/8 37/8 41/4 38/12 42/8
Tata Steel (Ord) 492 88 92/8 90/8 91/8 90 92 91/8 93 92 92/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 172 71/12 72/4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 461/4
A. Cement 239 40 39 39/8 39 39/8
Belapur 51 49
Burmah (Old) 620 17/8 26/4 22/8
Burmah (New) 216/14
B B. Petrol 6/2/8 6/1 6/2
Indian Bleaching 205
I. I. Trust 126/8 26
Port Canning 110/8
P. Construction (Ord) 226 25 27
Shivrajpur 60 59 60/8 69/8
Tata Chemical (Ord) 23 22/12
Tata Oil 90/8 90/4 90/12 90/8
Western India Match 397/8 95
Coorla Mills 320
Hosiarpur Doab Rly. 117 /8
Dawn Mills 1245

HAPUR MARKETS REVIEWS

HAPUR, Feb. 15.

Food grains position here is grave. There is no stock either with the local Government or with the traders to feed the public. There is no rationing. There's ban on the inter provincial and inter regional movement of food grains. The responsibility of feeding the public is governments' as no private purchases on commercial scale for future were allowed in the season. And the Government is now apparently failing in the discharge of this responsibility. Enquiries made in responsible circles indicate that there is no chance of even coarse food grains reaching Hapur in near future.

Meanwhile exports of Central Government owned wheat continue from this place. During the week under review about 18,182 maunds were despatched to Cawnpore and 9,892 mds. to Allahabad. The stock is now reduced to 70 khattis. People are helplessly witnessing this drain while their own hunger remains unabated. The price control anomaly continues. Wheat control rate is still 10/4, while it is a fact that the actual price which a consumer now pays is anything about 16 to 18 per maund. But the Government would not think of increasing it. The control rate, however, helps those who can pounce upon any available wheat brought by any producer to the market, and snatch it away at the point of D.I.R. threats. These are policewallas, and Marketing staff.

With the present stock position such as indicated above, prices of almost all bread grains are rising steadily. The following are the current rates. Gram and barley unquoted, peas 10/12, bajra 11/4, maize 11/13 and juwar 10/12. No food grains were received during the week but for about 150 mds. of bajra.

Weather remained cloudy and there were very slight showers one day. But this is of little help. Crops continue to suffer.

GUR AND JAGGERY POWDER.

The market remained quite steady. Current rates are: Gur 10/6 to 10/8 and Jaggery powder about 11/8. Arrivals were fairly large totalling about 21,357 mds. for the week. Despatches during the period totalled 1,800 mds. on defence forces account. There were no private exports.

PULSES.

Markets remained quiet to steady. Prices are held steadily. There were no arrivals but for a few maunds of Urad. Despatches too were negligent. Arhar stock is unchanged at 10 khattis. The following are the current prices: Arhar new 9/8 old khattis 9, Urad 15, Moong 11/14.

GUWAR FUTURES.

The market remained highly erratic. Baishak quotations steadily rose from 7/11 to 8/4/6 but have subsequently squeezed down to 8/1/6. The rise was spectacular despite favourable weather comments and was encouraged by steadiness in the bullion and food grains sections and the unbridled speculative activity. Ready is quoted at 8/8.

BULLION.

The market remained steady throughout, although some of the earlier rise was subsequently liquidated. Silver was quoted at 145/3 last week end. It rose to 149/6 during this week and is presently quoted at 147/6. Similarly gold advanced to 94/6, but the reaction in this case was more severe owing to receipt of good stock here. Gold is now quoted at 91/6. There is moderate offtake. The high investment demand that moved the market to new heights last week and earlier this week is showing signs of wearing down. There was also good profit covering liquidations. But there is nothing like general loss of confidence. The undertone is still quite steady.

BARDANA FUTURES.

Market remained quite steady. Price movements were narrow and unimportant. The following are the current rates: Md. ready 56, DW. ready 60/8, Chet 54/12, Asuj 54.

I.C.C. March	451	8	0
I.C.C. May	461	0	0
I.C.C. July	471	8	0
I.C.C. Sept.	479	4	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
March	454	448/8	453
May	463	460/12	462
July	473/8	471/8	472/8
Sept.	479	478	478

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March Contract is 895 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

BOMBAY PRODUCE.

BOMBAY, Feb 18.

The produce market was quiet with somewhat increased offerings in Linseed Groundnuts Madras Goa December/February Rs. 20. G. I. P. Khandesh quality Rs. 21/12 and Bold Rs. 21/8. Khandesh ready Rs. 113. Groundnut Oil Rs. 12/9. Castorseeds ready Rs. 19. Bombay delivery Rs. 18/14 and March/May Navlakhi Rs. 18/12. Linseed ready Rs. 22/8.

PROFITS OF PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

The Profit of the Punjab National Bank, Ltd. for the year ended 31st December, 1945 including Rs. 1,10,782/10/2 brought forward from last year amounts to Rs. 39,23,342/10/9 which the Directors propose to dispose of as under: Add interim dividend paid for the half-year Rs 2,77,328-7-9 Final dividend for the half-year ended 31st December at 10 per cent per annum Rs. 4,00,000 Provision for Income-tax Rs. 9,00,000. To Reserve Rs. 5,36,287-12; Bonus to Staff Rs. 6,26,212-9-2; Charity Rs. 52,000 and Balance carried forward to next year's account Rs. 1,31,513/13/10.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, Feb. 18.

Cocoanut Raw 162/8, Dry 150, Cocoanut Oil 565, Copra Office 315, Dil pasand 385, Madrasnottan 445, Goodgooda 425, Pepper Vynaad 390, Country 375 Dry Ginger Chernad 350, Ernad 350, Coffee Robusta 85.

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Refuse To Be Back-Room Boys

Scientist Raises Voice Of Protest; Partnership In Policy-making

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter): Prof. A. V. Hill, Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee to the British Cabinet during the war, to-day urged scientists to refuse to co-operate in tasks in which they or their representatives were not allowed reasonable share or partnership in the responsibility of deciding on the purpose, policy or probable result of their work.

He said that Science was being treated as a purchaseful commodity and scientists as backroom boys to be kept in their proper place.

Prof. J. D. Bernal, Vice-President of the Association of Scientific Workers, stated that scientists could not tolerate the world as it was to-day and said: "It is no secret that the slowness of sharing atomic energy is the major cause for the continued and dangerously increasing tension in the world to-day. So far as international co-operation in science is concerned, it is considerably worse now than it was a year ago."

Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. L. J. Solley, referring to the alleged spy plot in Canada said: "A witch hunt is beginning and it is a very serious thing for scientists. The more anti-Soviet the policy of our Government becomes the more dangerous does it become to international scientific thought."

WORTH STREET MARKET REVIEW

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (U.P.A.): A United Press review of the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market for the past week showed that the trade standstill remained unbroken, with little chance that the deadlock will be solved.

Textile production costs continued to rise, so also the price of raw cotton, but textile ceiling prices remained unchanged.

Most mills withdrew from the market limiting their shipments to the rated order or against old contracts.

Some quarters indicated their intention to store in warehouses any surplus production until the pricing situation was clarified.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, February 18.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16.

London Banks selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32.

London Banks buying T. T. 1/6 1/32.

London Banks buying D. D. 1/6 1/16.

London Banks buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th month.

London Banks buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 3/4.

New York Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 3/4.

New York Banks buying T. T. Rs. 329 1/2.

New York Banks buying D. D. Rs. 329 1/2.

Montreal Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 302 1/2.

Montreal Banks buying T. T. Rs. 299.

Montreal Banks buying D. D. Rs. 297 1/2.

Paris Banks selling T. T. Fcs. 3550.

Paris Banks buying T. T. Fcs. 3650.

Amsterdam Banks selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79 1/2.

Java Banks selling T. T. D. D. ——.

Hongkong Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.

Shanghai Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 17 1/4 Nom.

Singapore Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 107 1/2.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.03 3/8-4.03 1/2.

London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 15/16 1/8 3/32.

London/Shanghai Cross Rate 3d. to 3 1/16d.

London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/3 15/16 to 2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70 to 480.30.

London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2 — 3/4.

London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.30 — 40.

London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr 16.85 — 95.

London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32 19.36.

London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 1/2 — 4.03 1/2.

London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.43 4.45.

London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68 10.70.

London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 7.58/7.62.

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Money:—Call 1/4 p.c., 3 months 1/2 p.c. 6 months 3/4 p.c., 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Easy.

WEEKLY NEW YORK COTTON REVIEW

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (U.P.A.): A United Press Review of the New York Cotton Exchange for the past week revealed that the rise in cotton prices under way since early January gathered momentum during the week under the impetus of inflationary psychology and the outlook for higher textile ceiling prices.

The rise in futures became an accomplished fact, despite the expected further Government offerings, predictions for heavier planting next season if the present price levels are maintained and a sharp increase in fertilizer sales.

Observers, however, felt that it would be difficult to expand new plantings in view of a shortage of labour machinery and good quality seed.

An increased foreign use of American cotton was indicated in the August and November exports of 924,000 bales compared with shipments of 511,000 bales during the same period a year earlier.

Reduction In Rations From Thursday

KNIGHT EXPLAINS FOOD SITUATION

Preview Of Shape Of Things To Come At Press Conference

BOMBAY, Monday.

An extremely pessimistic forecast of the shape of things to come on the home food-front, and disheartening facts and figures in support of the forecast, were presented to city journalists by Sir Henry Knight at the Secretariat this morning.

ACT OF GOD OR MAN?

According to Sir Henry, the expected calamity is an act of God, on account of the crop failures over the greater part of the seven districts of the province. The failure of the crops, which is well-nigh general, includes the Northern tract, the Coastal tract and the Southern tracts, comprising in areas from, Ahmedabad, Kaira, Panch Mahals, Surat, East and West Khandesh, to the Konkan districts, Kanara, Ahmednagar, Poona, Satara, etc.

ESTIMATED POSITION

The estimated position of the cereals for Bombay Province for the current year is

Requirements	13,05,000 tons.
Supplies, which include expected imports and local harvest purchases	10,99,000 tons.
Deficit	2,06,000 tons.

Sir Henry doubted if the 75,000 tons of wheat normally imported from the Punjab would be available to the Province, in view of the condition of the Punjab crop this year. But still he thought that it was legitimate to assume that, this quantity of wheat, if not received from the Punjab, would be received from overseas.

Add to this another, 1,16,000 tons of cereals required by the province, till the end of December 1946, and the deficit became 3,23,000 tons.

Sir Henry Knight then outlined Government proposals to counter the expected crisis.

He announced that the present ration of one lb. per head would be reduced to twelve ozs. from Thursday, February 21, and the heavy manual labour supplementary ration would be reduced from 8 ozs. to 4 ozs.

NO GUARANTEED RECOVERY

Sir Henry Knight made it clear that the proposed cut in the ration would not enable the province to cover up the deficit till Nov. 30, 1946. Past experience had shown, that in towns, 75 per cent of the allowed ration was drawn on the average, and 60 per cent in the rural areas, and the estimates were based on the full ration allotted being availed of. Hence a cut of 25 per cent in the ration was not expected to yield a reduction of 25 per cent in consumption. It could only be assumed that the cut would give the province a fair chance to recovery, though no guaranteed recovery.

There was yet another chance by which the figures could be falsified. It was either by further supply fall-ures, or by increased offtakes from month to month.

He was certain that to carry on a minimum carry-over of 1,17,000 tons of additional supplies must be secured from outside.

NEED OF CO-OPERATION

Finally, he appealed, for the co-operation of the Press and the public in order to "pull through." Every one will have to economise in cereals he said, and not draw from Government Stocks anything more than absolutely necessary.

Government, he said, would adhere to the principle that all should share equally, any reduction being applied throughout the province and not only in areas whose crops had failed.

Some questions were asked at the conference:—

(1) Was it true that 71,000 bags of Burma rice were rotting in the docks, and had become unusable due to Government neglect.

(2) Whether the Defence Services could not be persuaded not to indulge in wanton waste of cereals.

(3) If the Government were aware of a Telegram sent by the Bombay Grain Merchants' Association to the Food Controller, Government will be bringing to his notice, the export of pulses, groundnuts, condiments, etc.

Brief replies to the questions were inaudible.

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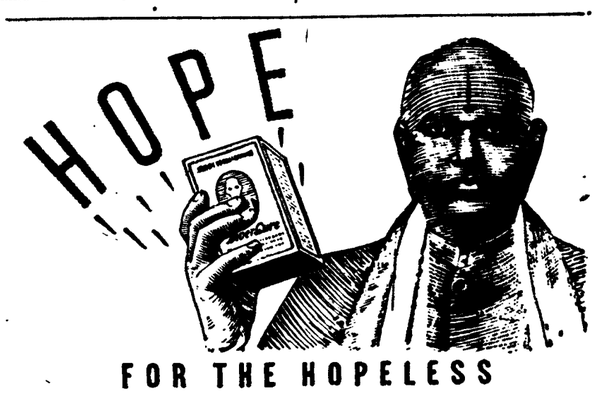

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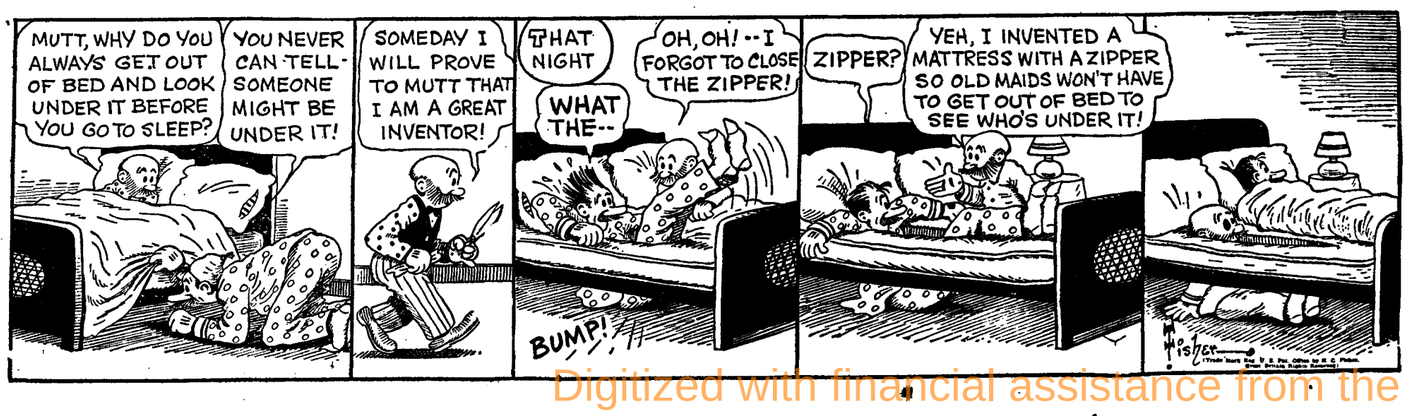
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Managing Director.

Bombay, 19-2-46. 6743

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GHATKOPAR-KIROL MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

(Under sections 64 and 65 of the District Municipal Act, 1901)

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Assessment Lists of the Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality for the year 1946-47 have been completed and published and are open for inspection at the Municipal Office at Ghatkopar during office hours on all working days.

Any person claiming to be either owner or occupier of any property included in the lists and any agent of such person shall be at liberty to inspect the lists and take extracts therefrom without any charge.

If any such owner, occupier or representative has any objection to this assessment, he or she should send his or her objection in writing so as to reach the Undersigned on or before Monday, the 1st April 1946 after which no objection to the said assessment will be considered.

P. D. DAFTARY,
Chairman,
Managing-Committee,
Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality,
Municipal Office,
Ghatkopar,
18th Feruary 1946. (6742)

WANTED

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C. M. DIGHE,
Municipal Commissioner,
Baroda City Municipality.
Dated, 9th February, 1946. (6738)

NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information in accordance with Rule 8, part II of the Rules for Places of Public Amusement in the city of Bombay, 1914 made under section 22, sub-section (1), clauses (f), (i), (g) and (h) of the city of Bombay Police Act, 1902 by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with the previous sanction of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council, that I, Vasantrao Deorao Deshpande, Finance Member, Dewas State Junior, on behalf of Her Highness Maharani Menakaraje, Dewas State Junior, propose erecting a Cinema Theatre at Mazgaon, Love Lane, Bombay, on the ground belonging to Her Highness Maharani Menakaraje, Dewas State Junior, admeasuring about 1,700 Sq. Yards and assessed under Municipal E Ward Nos. 5042 (1), 6227 (2), (3), (3A) and (4), Street Nos. 30, 16, 16A, 16B, 16BB and 16C and registered under Collector's New Survey No. 3665.

Notice is hereby given that any objection to the erection of the said Cinema Theatre should be received by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, not later than the 5th day of March, 1946 that is to say within 14 days from the day of this notice.

Bombay, 17th February, 1946. 6741

VALUE OF BRAN RATION UNIT

NOTIFICATIONS

Finance Department (Supply),
Bombay Castle, 14th Feb. 1946.

No. C. R. 68.—In pursuance of the provisions of clause 36 of the City of Bombay Rationing Regulations, 1943, and in supersession of Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply), No. C. R. 68, dated 9th June, 1945, the Government of Bombay is pleased to declare that, with effect from the 17th day of February 1946, the quantity of bran represented by each unit on a ration permit shall be 17½ lbs.

No. C. R. 59.—In pursuance of the provisions of clause 48 of the Bombay Suburban District Rationing Regulation, 1943, and in supersession of Government Notification, Finance Department (Supply), No. C. R. 59, dated 9th June 1945, the Government of Bombay is pleased to declare that, with effect from the 17th day of February 1946, the quantity of bran represented by each unit on a ration permit shall be 17½ lbs.

With reference to sub-rule (1) of rule 119 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that notice of the orders contained in the above Government Notifications, Finance Department (Supply), Nos. C. R. 68 and C. R. 59, dated 14th February 1946 should be given by—(i) the publication of the same in the Bombay Government Gazette; (ii) the publication of the same in the following newspapers having circulation in the Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District, namely:—1. Times of India; 2. Bombay Chronicle; 3. Morning Standard; 4. Free Press Journal; 5. Nawakal; 6. Nava Shakti; 7 Iqbal; 8. Inqullab; 9. Jam-e-Jamshed; 10. Janmabhumi; 11 Vatan; 12. Mumbai Samachar; 13. Vishwamitra: (iii) the issue of a Press Note explaining their provisions; and (iv) the issue of a circular explaining their provisions to—(a) the Authorised Flour Mills, (b) the Hack Victoriawalla Associations.

By Order of the
Governor of Bombay,
D. S. BAKHLE,
Joint Secretary to Government
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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B. S. SABNIS,
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A. A. JASDENVALA,
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Bombay, 18th February, 1946 (6746)

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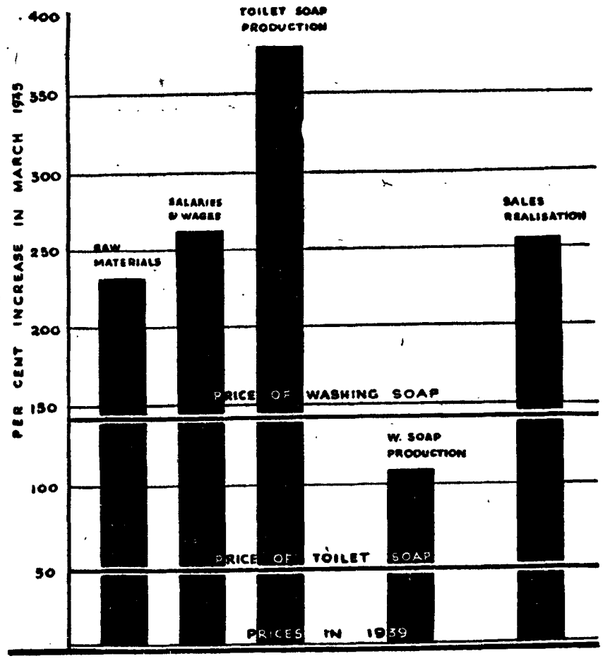

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